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Trump's tariff plan shows the risks he's willing to take

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Exasperated by reports of a flood of illegal border crossings, President Donald Trump summoned his top immigration advisers to demand action. Responding to his mounting concern, including his extreme threats to entirely close the U.S.-Mexico border, they prepared an alternative but still-inflammatory plan to levy escalating tariffs on all Mexican imports to the United States.

Thursday night's surprise announcement of the plan by Trump, threatening to upend ratification chances for his own revised North American free trade pact, demonstrated the lengths to which the risk-taking president is willing to go to crack down on illegal immigration, even in the face of bipartisan criticism, legal challenges and polarized public feelings. He's setting the tricky politics of immigration and trade — the two issues that defined his candidacy and bedevil his presidency — on a collision course and injecting new tensions into his relations with political allies as he struggles to show results in his campaign for a second term. "Mexico has taken advantage of the United States for decades," Trump declared anew in a tweet on Friday.



White House press secretary Sarah Sanders talks to reporters outside the White House, Friday, May 31, 2019, in Washington.

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That was the morning after he announced the 5% tariff would kick in on June 10 — and increase monthly to 25% “until the Illegal Immigration problem is remedied.”

“Because of the Dems, our Immigration Laws are BAD. Mexico makes a FORTUNE from the U.S., have for decades, they can easily fix this problem. Time for them to finally do what must be done!” he said.

Debate over solutions aside, indicators at the border have indeed been getting worse. For May, officials said Thursday, apprehensions are expected to hit their highest level in more than a dozen years and “significantly surpass the record 109,000 in April,” said acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan.

On Wednesday, a group of 1,036 — including families and unaccompanied children — was appended after crossing from Juárez. That was the largest group ever apprehended at the border.

Nonetheless, Trump's tariff prescription for the problem was instantly panned across the political spectrum. Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, a usual Trump ally and the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said it was a “misuse of presidential tariff authority” that would burden American consumers and “seriously jeopardize passage” of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada pact to modify the North American Free Trade Agreement.

“Imposing tariffs on goods from Mexico is exactly the wrong move,” said Neil Bradley, executive vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the establishment lobbying giant that now is exploring legal action to block the tariffs.

“These tariffs will be paid by American families and businesses without doing a thing to solve the very real problems at the border,” Bradley said, imploring Congress and the president to work together to address border problems. To both allies and critics, the tariff escalation marks



In this April 9, 2019, file photo, trucks wait to cross the border with the U.S. in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

the latest manifestation of Trump's increasing reliance on instinct and his aides' increasing unwillingness or inability to constrain an impulsive leader. Many of the people who had once talked Trump out of going through with his most radical ideas, such as completely shutting down the southern border or renewing the controversial immigrant child separation policy, have been pushed out of the administration, including former Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen.

The tariff announcement was made with a striking amount of secrecy for the leak-prone Trump administration, with barely two dozen officials in the West Wing aware of what was to transpire. Trade Representative Bob Lighthizer and other officials with trade portfolios were not included in the final discussions Thursday and privately expressed opposition to the move, according to three people familiar with the matter who spoke only on the condition of anonymity. Trump is mindful that many of his efforts to clamp down on illegal immigration have been stymied by courts or Congress, and that his promise to build a

border wall will be far from fulfilled by the time voters decide his political fate next year. With his campaign depending on even more of his hard-core supporters turning out in 2020 than in 2016, Trump's team is worried that the spike in crossings could prove to be a political headache with his base. But in aiming for progress on that front, Trump is now throwing into the wager another campaign promise: approval of his renegotiated North American trade pact.

Sandwiched between two presidential foreign trips, and with senior adviser and Mexico liaison Jared Kushner out of the country, the tariff announcement caught many in the White House and on Capitol Hill unawares. Press secretary Sarah Sanders insisted that the White House had briefed key lawmakers and allies on the plan before it was announced, though some complained they found out only at the last moment, with no time to provide feedback.

While the announcement was a surprise, Trump's ire over a sharp increase in southern border crossings and his demand for increasingly drastic action were not. Trump attorneys,

including White House Counsel Pat Cipollone, had been studying how to fulfill the president's wish for weeks and settled on the tariff plan as a more legally-sound move than Trump's push to close the border.

White House officials assert that the tariff announcement was a negotiating tool, designed to get Mexico to act. And, perhaps seeking to calm anxious markets, they suggest the taxes might never take effect.

“We fully believe they have the ability to stop people coming in from their southern border and if they're able to do that, these tariffs will either not go into place or will be removed after they go into place,” said acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney.

Asked what Mexico can do to avoid the levies, press secretary Sanders said a good start would be for Mexico to send home Central American migrants crossing through their country to get into the United States.

“They can return them back home,” she said. “They can stop these massive caravans from coming through their country into ours. That would be a very big first step.” □

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Pilgrim shutdown ends nuclear power era in Massachusetts

By **BOB SALSBERG**
Associated Press

PLYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — The Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth has permanently shut down after 47 years of generating electricity, bringing to a close the era of nuclear power in Massachusetts.

The final shutdown occurred at 5:28 p.m. Friday. Entergy announced in 2015 it would retire Massachusetts' only remaining reactor, citing competition from less expensive energy sources.

Entergy had said the shutdown would take about five hours with technicians first reducing Pilgrim's power output from the 40% to 26% to about 8%, before launching the final step of inserting control rods into the fuel assembly to seal off further nuclear reactions.

The focus now turns to the daunting task of cleaning up and dismantling the plant. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is reviewing Entergy's proposal to sell Pilgrim to a private nuclear waste management firm that promises a speedier decommissioning.

The closing leaves Seabrook in New Hampshire and Millstone in Connecticut as New England's only still-operating commercial nuclear plants.

A closer look at Pilgrim's shutdown:

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR REGIONAL ENERGY SUPPLIES?

Pilgrim's retirement and the loss of its 680 megawatts of power aren't likely to disrupt overall regional energy supplies or the reliability of the electrical grid, according to experts.

ISO-New England, which operates the region's bulk

power system, says three new power plants that can burn either natural gas or oil will be online by this summer and several small solar facilities and a new wind farm will also help absorb the impact.

"We've actually seen more megawatts coming in than the megawatts of Pilgrim that are leaving," said Anne George, a vice president for ISO.

The shutdown could result in a short-term increase in carbon emissions because of the greater reliance on the gas and oil-burning plants, she added, though longer range trends point to growth in cleaner, renewable energy sources. It's unclear whether Pilgrim's closing could affect consumer prices. George noted that nuclear power generally enters the electricity market at lower prices than most other fuels.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

It's far from certain how decommissioning will unfold. Entergy announced plans last year to sell Pilgrim, along with several other retiring U.S. reactors, to Holtec International for decommissioning. The deals are awaiting NRC approval.

Holtec is promising an aggressive schedule for cleaning up and removing the physical plant within eight years at an estimated cost of \$1.1 billion. Absent the sale, Entergy would place Pilgrim into so-called "safe storage" mode under a \$1.6 billion decommissioning plan that could last up to 60 years.

Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey has raised several concerns about the proposed sale and has requested NRC

hold public hearings before signing off.

Holtec has never owned a commercial nuclear plant.

WHERE DOES RADIOACTIVE FUEL GO?

Pilgrim's more than 4,000 spent fuel rod assemblies will initially be placed in "wet storage" — essentially large pools of water where the superhot fuel is cooled for at least two years.

Next comes the "dry storage" phase: The spent fuel is transferred into giant metal and concrete-reinforced cylinders that stay at the site unless or until a national nuclear waste storage facility is created.

Existing storage casks are kept on a pad adjacent to the reactor, roughly



Warning signs are posted near a gate to the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, in Plymouth, Mass., Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

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300 feet (91 meters) from ocean's edge and 25 feet (7.6 meters) above sea level. Plans are in the works to build a larger pad and

relocate it about 75 feet above sea level, in part as protection from flooding or erosion induced by climate change. □

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Sanders, Harris seek Hispanic votes at California forum

By **MICHAEL R. BLOOD**
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Bernie Sanders and Kamala Harris dueled Friday over Hispanic votes in California, a central front in the nation's immigration battle where Latinos represent the state's largest ethnic group.

As the nation's most populous state, California holds a trove of 2020 delegates that are being eagerly sought by Democratic presidential rivals. The appearance of the two prominent contenders at a forum organized by immigrant rights activists kicked off several days of intense campaigning in the state, which will culminate at a state Democratic convention in San Francisco where 14 candidates are scheduled to appear.

Harris elicited a burst of applause when she told the group that she was a proud daughter of immigrants from India and Jamaica, then promised that if elected she would work for comprehensive immigration reform in her first 100 days in office.

She also promised to end the "hate-driven" policies of the Trump administration, including the so-called travel ban.

"This is a nation that was founded by immigrants," she said at one point. Any delay, she said, brings more human suffering when families are separated or treated unjustly.

Sanders took the stage to chants of "Bernie, Bernie." He opened his remarks by labeling President Donald



In this Sunday, May 19, 2019 file photo, Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., talks during her first campaign organizing event at Los Angeles Southwest College in Los Angeles.

Trump a "racist" who was trying to win re-election by dividing Americans by skin color and where they were born.

If elected, "we are going to do exactly the opposite," Sanders said.

Americans, he said, want immigration reform and a path to citizenship for the millions of people who entered the U.S. illegally.

He promised to bring an administration to Washington that "represents the needs of the working people of this country," not just the wealthy.

The Hispanic vote has become increasingly important in strongly Democratic California, particularly in a Democratic presidential primary.

California was once a reliably Republican state in presidential elections, but

a surge in immigrants transformed the state and its voting patterns. The number of Hispanics, blacks and Asians combined has outnumbered whites in the state since 1998. Meanwhile, new voters, largely Latinos and Asians, lean Democratic.

The last Republican to carry the state in a presidential election was George H.W. Bush, in 1988.

The candidates each tacked to similar themes, including criticizing the Trump administration's immigration policies and enacting comprehensive reform.

However, candidates can expect a skeptical look from many voters, Latino and otherwise, who have heard promises from both parties for years about immigration reform that never

arrived.

When asked how she would assure Hispanics that she wasn't another candidate with an empty promise, Harris told reporters, "By pointing to my record" as a senator and former state attorney general.

Sanders, too, said he would introduce a comprehensive immigration plan shortly after taking office. He also said he would expand an Obama-era program that shields young immigrants from deportation.

"This is a promise that will be kept," the Vermont senator said.

Lisa Luther, who attended a raucous Sanders rally earlier in the day at a nearby convention center, said she was confident the senator could deliver on immigration reform when other Democrats have failed. Lu-

ther, who once worked as a chef, said she has seen firsthand the struggles of immigrants who worked beside her.

Sanders "will not let it fall by the wayside," she said. "It's been so prevalent in ... his campaigns."

Julian Castro, a former Obama administration housing secretary, spoke to the crowd about his Mexican heritage and argued that new immigrants are necessary to maintain economic vitality. That's especially important, he said, as Baby Boomers grow old and draw on Social Security. New workers mean more money to support the federal retirement system, he said.

Castro is one of two candidates in the crowded Democratic field that have released detailed, written policies addressing the future of the immigration system, as the issue has been overshadowed on the campaign trail by health care, gun violence and reproductive rights.

"It would be economic suicide not to have them," he said of immigrants.

Democratic hopeful Jay Inslee, who has pledged to make combating climate change the top national priority, faulted Trump for ignoring a global warming crisis that is influencing immigration and creating "climate migrants." The Washington governor said at the forum Friday that a plan is needed to fight global warming while helping those driven from their homes by a changing climate. □

Illinois poised to be 11th state to legalize marijuana use

By JOHN O'CONNOR

AP Political Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois is likely to become the 11th state to allow small amounts of marijuana for recreational use after the Democratic-controlled House on Friday sent a legalization plan to Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who campaigned on the issue.

Those 21 and older would be able to buy marijuana at licensed dispensaries beginning next year under the legislation approved on a vote of 66-47. Residents could possess up to 1 ounce (30 grams) and non-residents could have 15 grams.

Illinois would become the second state to endorse the idea through its legislature, following Vermont last year. Ten states and the District of Columbia have dropped pot prohibitions, mostly through ballot initiatives.

But the Illinois plan also became a social justice initiative as black lawmakers and activists stepped in to see that legalization reversed decades of inordinate treatment of minorities in narcotics crackdowns. The legislation provides for scrubbing of past low-level criminal convictions and boosts minority involvement in a nascent industry.

"It is time to hit the 'reset' button on the War on Drugs," the proposal's sponsor, Chicago Democratic Rep. Kelly Cassidy, said. "We have an opportunity today to set the gold standard for a regulated market that centers on equity and repair."

Pritzker called for legalization in his campaign for governor, arguing for its tax-revenue potential and for freeing police to enforce more serious crimes. He claimed there would be \$170 million in licensing fees in the first year and a fully established industry could produce up to \$1 billion annually in state tax revenue. But Cassidy said Friday the first year's take would be \$58 million and the state could expect

\$500 million in five years.

The vote came on the last day of the General Assem-

of 30 grams or less. It eases record-clearing for possession up to one pound (500

"No matter how you package this, whether it's revenue, or it's criminal justice

ing pan, recreating a famous 1980s public service announcement which suggested the frying egg represents "your brain on drugs."

Originally intending to let anyone grow five marijuana plants at home for personal consumption, law enforcement opposition prompted Cassidy to restrict the five-plant home-grow limit only to qualified medical-marijuana patients. Private property owners could restrict use. Landlords could ban marijuana on their property. And employers would still be allowed to maintain "zero tolerance" policies toward marijuana use and the workplace.

In other work, lawmakers were crafting a spending plan of about \$39 billion and a \$41.5 billion state construction program. It looked as if revenue for a building program would depend on a massive expansion of casino gambling, which itself appeared to be the means for resuscitating a dormant proposal to legalize sports betting.

Statutory protections for abortion in the face of strict restrictions on the practice in Republican-led states have House OK and await Senate action. □



Illinois deputy governor Christian Mitchell and Illinois state Rep. Kelly Cassidy, D-Chicago, embrace as they celebrate the 66-47 vote in the Illinois House for a bill to legalize recreational marijuana use Friday, May 31, 2019.

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bly's spring session, which got extended in part because of the 3 1/2-hour marijuana debate. House leaders, noting the "volume of workload," announced that session would continue at least through Sunday. The Senate had not announced schedule changes.

Legislation after May 31 requires three-fifths majority approval. But Democrats hold supermajorities in both chambers of the General Assembly, allowing Pritzker to take office in January with an expansive agenda following four years of stalemate between legislative leaders and Pritzker's vanquished predecessor, Republican Bruce Rauner. The marijuana measure allows the governor to pardon anyone with records of convictions for possession

grams) and some intent-to-deliver convictions. Minority-owned businesses would be given advantages in bidding for lucrative state licenses and offered low-interest loans to compete. "The state of Illinois just made history, legalizing adult-use cannabis with the most equity-centric approach in the nation," Pritzker said in a statement. "This will have a transformational impact on our state, creating opportunity in the communities that need it most and giving so many a second chance."

Both sides in the debate traded summaries of studies that differ on the impact of using the psychoactive drug, with opponents claiming it's a gateway to stronger drugs and that it can have ill effects, including producing psychosis.

reform, or it's just saying that people are smoking it anyway, so just give up, I can pretty much guarantee you where we're going to be in 10 years ... and it's not going to be good," said Democratic Rep. Anthony DeLuca of Chicago Heights.

He then produced an egg and cracked it into a fry-


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Advocates decry delays in release of migrant kids



In this April 19, 2019 file photo, Children line up to enter a tent at the Homestead Temporary Shelter for Unaccompanied Children in Homestead, Fla.

By **ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON**
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Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Immigrant advocates say the U.S. government is allowing migrant children at a Florida facility to languish in “prison-like conditions” after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border instead of releasing them promptly to family as required by federal rules.

A court filing Friday revealed conditions inside the Homestead, Florida, facility that has become the nation’s biggest location for detaining immigrant children. A decades-old settlement governing the care of detained immigrant children calls for them to be released to family members, sponsors or other locations within 20 days, but the court filing accuses the government of keeping kids there for months in some cases.

The children detained at the facility said they longed to be released to their parents and other relatives in the United States and were allowed limited phone calls to loved ones. Some were

also told to heed strict rules or it could prolong their detention or get them deported. “At Homestead, children are housed in prison-like conditions and unnecessarily incarcerated for up to several months without being determined to be flight risks or a danger to themselves or others,” said the motion filed by the National Center for Youth Law and other organizations in federal court in Los Angeles.

Dozens of volunteer lawyers, interpreters and other legal workers interviewed more than 70 child migrants at Homestead during several visits over the past year. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services does not allow news media to speak to children at guided tours of the facility. A Honduran boy described arriving with an aunt at the Mexico border in December. She was deported and he was sent to Homestead, where he told attorneys he had been held for four months. He could speak to his mother in Honduras twice a week

while waiting to be placed with another aunt in Virginia. He was punched in the face by a boy at the facility but said he didn’t see a doctor or tell his mother, out of fear she would worry more. “Already it is very hard. We both cry on the phone,” he told attorneys. “I have not seen my mom or any family for so long.” The children’s allegations come as officials struggle to accommodate increasing numbers of minors illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. The Homestead facility, run by a private contractor, houses 2,200 minors and is expanding to add hundreds of beds. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services did not respond to requests for comment. The private contractor, Comprehensive Health Services, declined comment.

Many of the children are fleeing gang and domestic violence and will end up seeking asylum. Most are sent to live with sponsors once they are screened by the U.S. government, usually aunts or uncles or other

relatives who are already in the country.

The court filing included testimonials from more than a dozen children who had been separated from parents last year before the Trump administration ended a policy that led to more than 2,700 children being taken from families. Others, who had crossed the U.S.-Mexico border in the past few months, came alone or with relatives such as aunts, uncles, siblings and were also separated and placed in government custody.

The Trump administration has long complained about the 1997 settlement, which generally means the government should release children in about 20 days. The names of the children were redacted, but they testified being there for weeks, or months, without knowing when they would be released. A girl told attorneys she and her sister were at the same facility but kept in separate areas and only allowed to see each other once a week.

A 14-year-old boy from

Honduras said he had problems videoconferencing with the social worker handling his reunification on two separate occasions, as the company began hiring clinicians and case managers to work long-distance.

“Sometimes there are problems with the Internet, and I have to cut my call short or not talk to her at all and return another time,” he told attorneys.

A Guatemalan girl said she didn’t speak any Spanish, only her native Maya language of Q’eqchi, when she arrived, and she had troubles understanding her social worker.

In the same filings, a federal field specialist for the U.S. government’s Office of Refugee Resettlement said the goal is “safe, timely release” but there can be delays, for example, when sponsors can’t read and write. And when there’s no proof of a prior relationship, the sponsor is automatically disqualified, the specialist said, adding “the bottom line is always safety.”

In several occasions, children were flown from Florida to Texas locations promising they would be reunited with a parent, only to be flown back and booked again into the facility.

A Guatemalan child expressed willingness to leave the U.S. voluntarily only to be told that a legal department would need to get involved. “It is hard for me to understand what is preventing me from joining my family,” the child said.

A Salvadoran boy who said he left his country in January fleeing violence said children at the facility can’t touch anyone or fight or they could get a report that will delay their case. He told lawyers that staff told them they would be deported if they tried to escape. He said he couldn’t speak with his parents on his 17th birthday since he had already used one of his twice weekly 10-minute phone calls the day before. “I miss them, and even though today is my birthday, it is hard because they can’t call me and I can’t call them,” he said. □



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Record floods breach Arkansas levee, overtop 2 in Missouri

By ANDREW DeMILLO and JILL BLEED

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) —

Relentless flooding in the central U.S. on Friday inundated communities and damaged or spilled over levees on three major rivers in two states, and authorities discovered the body of a drowning victim at a Missouri lake.

The fast-flowing Arkansas River smashed a 40-foot (12-meter) hole in a levee in rural western Arkansas, causing water to spill into a nearby community. In northeast Missouri, a levee was overtopped on the Mississippi River, and another levee was topped on the Missouri River in the central part of the state.

The flooding has been building for days because of heavy rainfall upstream. In Arkansas, officials were warning of more potential problems on an already strained levee system.

"These levees were not built to sustain this high a flow for this long, and we are seeing problems and there more than likely will be more," said Laurie Driver, spokeswoman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Little Rock District.

In eastern Missouri, the state Highway Patrol's Water Division reported that the body of 57-year-old Lane Panasuk, of Butte, Montana, was recovered Thursday evening from Harry S. Truman Lake in Henry County, but the patrol said it did not know why he was in the water. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had warned visitors about high water levels that had closed most of the campgrounds around the lake and a road over its dam.

In Arkansas, the levee breached at Dardanelle, about 60 miles (95 kilome-



In this Thursday, May 30, 2019 photo, Eugene Bowers looks at the kitchen in his flooded home in the Town and Country neighborhood west of Sand Springs, Okla.

ters) northwest of Little Rock. Yell County officials had anticipated the breach and urged residents in the nearby Holla Bend area to evacuate Thursday.

The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management said crews went door to door to recommend evacuation for about 160 homes.

Yell County Emergency Manager Jeff Gilkey told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette that rapid currents from the river ripped a 40-foot (12-meter) section from the levee. Aerial video posted by the sheriff's office Friday showed water pouring through the hole.

"There was nothing we could do to stop it," Gilkey said.

National Weather Service data showed a dip in the

water level at Dardanelle, likely due to the breach. A flash flood warning was issued early Friday for the area, and forecasters said residents should be prepared for rapidly rising water. Local officials said they were uncertain where the water would end up.

"Water is going to do what it wants to do," Yell County Judge Mark Thone told reporters at a news conference. "We're just trying to head this off."

The levee breached because of ongoing flooding along the Arkansas River, which began in Oklahoma. Late Thursday night, President Donald Trump approved the Arkansas request for a disaster declaration in 16 counties affected by the flooding. Gov. Asa Hutchinson said the

declaration will help the state minimize the loss, but added that "this is far from over."

Hutchinson said emergency officials were working on getting ahead of the flooding as it continues southeast, trying to identify and strengthen any other pressure points or weak spots in the levee system.

"Obviously the breach in Dardanelle is a sign that there could be more of these breaches that will happen as pressure continues to mount in the coming days," Hutchinson said.

Entergy Arkansas said Friday that it does not anticipate any impact to its nuclear plant near the Arkansas River in Russellville. In Fort Smith, the state's second-largest city, the river levels held steady at

above-record levels Friday. Officials there said they wouldn't know the extent of the damage until the water receded, which could take days, if not longer.

Officials in Missouri issued a mandatory evacuation order for some residents of Howard County, where the Missouri River topped a levee. County Emergency Management Co-Director Bill John said the levee near Petersburg was expected to fail soon, KRCG reported. Levees in Lewis County along the Mississippi River in northeast Missouri were overtopped Thursday, flooding several thousand acres of farmland. Lewis County Emergency Director David Keith said no homes or businesses were impacted. □

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US diplomat Pompeo comes to Europe with a tough Iran message

By **MATTHEW LEE**
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Associated Press

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo brought the Trump administration's campaign against Iran to Europe for the third time this month amid heightened Mideast tensions and a risk of open conflict that has unnerved American allies.

As the Middle East buzzed with bellicose rhetoric between Iran and its U.S.-backed Gulf Arab neighbors, Pompeo was in Germany and Switzerland making the case that Washington is not looking for war and wants help in cooling the situation. But he says the U.S. will not relent on a punishing U.S. sanctions campaign targeting Iran.

Coming after President Donald Trump on Thursday renewed his willingness to talk with Iran's leadership, Pompeo's trip has raised speculation that the administration may be looking to open a channel of communication with the Islamic Republic.

Germany sent a senior diplomat to Iran earlier this week and Switzerland has long represented U.S. interests there.



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, left, and U.S. Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, right, arrive to a joint statement prior to a meeting at the chancellery in Berlin, Germany, Friday, May 31, 2019.

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Pompeo's Iran-related diplomacy has already taken him to Iraq, Britain, Belgium and Russia since early May. That's when tensions flared after U.S. allegations of increased threats from Iran that have now led to additional military deployments and accusations that Iranian proxies sabotaged oil tankers in the Gulf and conducted drone attacks in Saudi Arabia.

On Friday, it coincided with Saudi calls for Iranian ag-

gression to be dealt with firmly and the release of the U.N. atomic watchdog's quarterly report on Iran's compliance with the 2015 nuclear deal. Trump withdrew the U.S. from the deal last year and has steadily reinstated sanctions on Iran, sparking protests from Tehran, which has threatened to walk away itself from the deal.

The report from the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna said Iran

continued to stay within the limitations set by the 2015 deal but for the first time raised questions about its adherence to a key provision intended to limit the country's use of advanced centrifuges that can enrich uranium. The seriousness of the issue was not immediately clear, although a senior diplomat said discussions were ongoing about how to resolve the matter. U.S. officials had no immediate comment on the

IAEA report but the question about Iranian compliance was likely to bolster Pompeo's case for a tough stance as he opened his European tour in Germany, which along with Britain and France, remains a party to the Iran deal.

Pompeo met Chancellor Angela Merkel a day after she delivered not-so-veiled criticism of Trump in a commencement speech to Harvard University.

Without directly naming Trump, Merkel told Harvard graduates that they should "tear down walls of ignorance" and reject isolationism as they tackle global problems. She also said leaders should not "describe lies as truth and truth as lies." Merkel said before the meeting with Pompeo they would discuss how to prevent Iran from getting nuclear weapons and "how we prevent other aggressive actions by Iran." After talks with German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas, Pompeo said Washington will not stand in the way of a system Europeans are developing to shield companies dealing with Iran from American sanctions, so long as it provides only humanitarian and other permitted goods. □

Lyon bomb suspect had pledged allegiance to IS

By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN**
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The main suspect in the bombing last week in the French city of Lyon that wounded 14 people had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group, France's counter-terrorism prosecutor said on Friday.

Remy Heitz said in a statement the 24-year-old man has admitted making the bomb and depositing the device in front of a bakery. He will be brought before an investigating judge.

The suspect, identified only as Mohamed Hichem M., was arrested on Monday. He arrived in France on a tourist visa in August 2017 but failed to leave again. Police did not give his nationality but some French media reported that he



Soldiers of French anti terrorist plan "Vigipirate Mission", secure the area, near the site of a suspected bomb attack in central Lyon, Friday May, 24, 2019.

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was Algerian. He was unknown to police services before the incident.

He was handed preliminary charges Friday of attempted murder, criminal terrorist conspiracy and manufacturing, possessing and car-

rying an explosive device in relation with a terrorist undertaking.

French President Emmanuel Macron had called the explosion an "attack" but no group has claimed responsibility for the explo-

sion yet. Last week, Heitz described video surveillance that showed a man heading toward the center of Lyon on a bike. He was seen arriving on foot, pushing his bike along a pedestrian-only street, then leaving a paper bag on a concrete block in the middle of the street. The suspect immediately returned to his bike and left the same way. One minute later, the explosion shattered the glass of a refrigerator in the bakery. The suspect initially denied his involvement, then admitted "pledging allegiance to the IS deep down inside and dropping off the explosive device he had prepared beforehand," Heitz said.

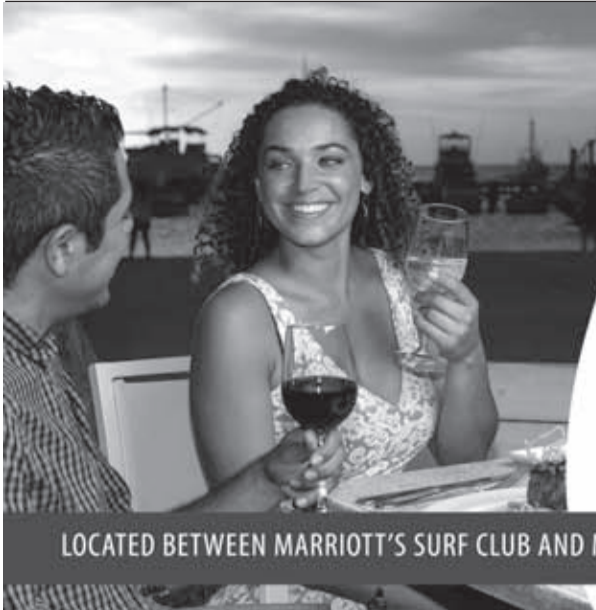
Data analysis of a computer used by the suspect until the end of last year

also helped investigators establish he had an interest for "jihadi thesis and IS's activities."

The police probe also established that the suspect had ordered online a pack of 20 batteries corresponding to those that served to remotely trigger the device. Some traces found on evidence discovered at the scene also matched the suspect's genetic profile, Heitz said.

The suspect was arrested along with his parents and brother, but they were released on Thursday without charges.

France has been hit by a spate of attacks in recent years, some of them deadly, carried out by people ranging from extremist attackers to mentally unstable individuals. □



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1st Turkish Cypriot MEP envisions himself as division healer

By **MENELAOS HADJICOSTIS**
Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Niyazi Kizilyurek says nothing like it has happened in ethnically divided Cyprus in 140 years: He is the first Turkish Cypriot elected to the European Parliament, and he was selected by a primarily Greek Cypriot electorate.

The fact that it's to a body representing the citizens of the European Union's 28 member states, he says, affords him the opportunity to reproduce the bloc's greatest achievement in his homeland — forging unity out of the ashes of war.

"I see Cyprus as the patrie (homeland) of all Cypriots and I feel myself responsible for all Cypriots," Kizilyurek told The Associated Press from his apartment in the southern, internationally recognized part of the capital, Nicosia.

Unlike other elections where Turkish Cypriots living in the breakaway northern



Turkish Cypriot Niyazi Kizilyurek talks during an interview with Associated Press at his office in Kaimakli a suburb of divided capital Nicosia, Cyprus, Friday, May 31, 2019.

part of the island aren't eligible to vote, the European parliament election is one single big vote for the country's six seats. All citizens of the internationally recognized Republic of Cyprus have the right to

vote including some 80,000 Turkish Cypriots who hold Cyprus Republic passports but live in the north. Only about 5,600 of those voted, however, meaning that the larger proportion of the 25,000 votes Kizilyurek re-

ceived came from Greek Cypriots.

The 59 year-old, who has taught political history at the University of Cyprus since 1995, courted much controversy during his campaign, on both sides of the

divide.

Running on the ticket of the communist -rooted AKEL party, he stood accused by right-wing Turkish Cypriot detractors of being a Greek Cypriot puppet aiming to undermine their breakaway state in the island's north. The state is recognized only by Turkey, which keeps more than 35,000 troops there.

Right-wing Greek Cypriots also eyed Kizilyurek with suspicion, questioning whether he intended to primarily promote the narrow interests of Turkish Cypriots, to the detriment of Greek Cypriots and the sovereignty of the internationally recognized Republic of Cyprus.

Cyprus was split in 1974 when Turkey invaded in the aftermath of a coup by supporters of union with Greece. Although Cyprus joined the EU in 2004 as a whole, EU laws apply and benefits are enjoyed only by residents in the south. □

Congolese finally pay tribute to late opposition leader

By **SALEH MWANMILONGO**
Associated Press

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Tens of thousands of mourners, some of whom camped outside overnight, gathered on Friday to finally say farewell to Etienne Tshisekedi, the Congolese opposition icon whose son was declared president earlier this year.

The stadium ceremony came more than two years after the elder Tshisekedi died abroad at age 84. His rift with then-president

Joseph Kabila was so entrenched that his remains were not allowed to return after his death in Belgium of a pulmonary embolism in 2017. After Kabila gave way to pressure for a new presidential election in January, Tshisekedi's son Felix was declared the winner. He vowed that his father's remains would come home to Congo, where he was the face of the political opposition for decades.

In life, Etienne Tshisekedi was at times put under

house arrest, his supporters jailed and beaten. But after the seismic shift in Congo's political climate, he is being given a farewell befitting a senior statesman, with some African presidents in attendance.

Pallbearers wearing ties representing the Congolese flag carried the casket into the stadium on Friday. The flat cap that Tshisekedi always wore was placed atop the casket.

His funeral and burial are set for Saturday. □



The coffin carrying the remains of longtime Congolese opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi arrives at Kinshasa airport Thursday, May 30, 2019.

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UN atomic watchdog raises questions of Iran's centrifuge use

By **KIYOKO METZLER**

Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — The U.N. atomic watchdog said Friday that Iran continues to stay within the limitations set by the 2015 nuclear deal with major powers, but reported its stockpiles of low-enriched uranium and heavy water are growing and raised questions for the first time about Iran's adherence to a key provision intended to limit the country's use of advanced centrifuges.

In a confidential quarterly report distributed to member states and seen by The Associated Press, the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran has stayed within key limitations set in the so-called Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA, for uranium and heavy water stockpiles.

But while in past reports the IAEA said Iran's research and development on enrichment "has been conducted using centrifuges within the limits defined in the JCPOA," the Friday report instead changed the wording to say it "has been conducted using centrifuges specified in the JCPOA." A centrifuge is a device that enriches uranium by rapidly spinning uranium hexafluoride gas. Under the atomic accord, Iran has been limited to operat-



In this June 6, 2018, file frame from Islamic Republic Iran Broadcasting, IRIB, state-run TV, three versions of domestically-built centrifuges are shown in a live TV program from Natanz, an Iranian uranium enrichment plant, in Iran.

ing 5,060 older-model IR-1 centrifuges.

But in a footnote, the agency said that "up to 33" more advanced IR-6 centrifuges have been installed, and that "technical discussions in relation to the IR-6 centrifuges are ongoing."

Under terms of the nuclear deal, Iran is allowed to test no more than 30 of the IR-6, but only 8 1/2 years into the deal.

Iran maintains that it is allowed to install the centrifuges. The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, Ali Akbar Salehi, said they were not yet being fed with uranium.

A senior diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't officially allowed to com-

ment on the report said the technical discussions on the centrifuges were between the deal's signatories and Iran, but would not elaborate. "It is being discussed, and we report the facts that we see," the diplomat said.

The diplomat said last month that Iran had begun installing a chain of 20 IR-6 centrifuges at its underground Natanz enrichment facility. Iranian officials say the IR-6 can enrich 10 times faster than an IR-1.

"The feed line is under agency seal," the diplomat said, adding it was up to partner countries in the deal to determine whether the installation was a violation of the accord.

The nuclear deal is meant

to keep Tehran from building atomic weapons in exchange for economic incentives. It has been complicated by the unilateral withdrawal of the United States from the deal last year and Washington's increased sanctions, which has been taking a toll on the Iranian economy.

That has left the other signatories — Germany, Britain, France, Russia and China — struggling to come up with enough incentives to keep Iran in the deal. Earlier this month, Iran announced that if a way couldn't be found within 60 days to shield it from U.S. sanctions targeting its economy and oil industry, it would ramp up its enrichment of uranium be-

yond the purity allowed under nuclear deal. And about a week ago, Iran said it had increased its uranium-enrichment production capacity, though only of the lower-enriched uranium permitted by the agreement. In its first quarterly report since those announcements, however, the Vienna-based IAEA found Iran continued to be in compliance and also said its inspectors had been given unfettered access to Iranian nuclear facilities.

"Timely and proactive cooperation by Iran in providing such access facilitates implementation of the additional protocol and enhances confidence," the report stated, referring to the procedure detailing safeguards and tools for verification.

The senior diplomat said Iran does have the capacity to quadruple uranium enrichment as it recently threatened, but that inspectors would have to wait until the next report to determine whether they had actually set that increase in motion.

"They have the flexibility, they can increase and they can reduce, and they can do a number of things," the diplomat said. "The capacity is always there, and we do verify this at a technical level, we are fully monitoring that." □

Police: Suicide car bomb hits Afghan capital, kills 4

By **AMIR SHAH**

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— A car bomb targeting a U.S. convoy exploded early Friday in an eastern Kabul neighborhood, leaving four Afghan civilians dead and three wounded and lightly wounding four American forces, authorities said. It was the second suicide attack in as many days to rattle the Afghan capital.

The suicide bomber struck as the convoy passed through Kabul's eastern Yakatot neighborhood, where U.S. and NATO forces maintain complexes. Facilities operated by the Afghan National Security

Forces located nearby.

Firdous Faramaz, Kabul police chief spokesman, said four Afghan civilians were killed and three wounded in the attack.

Bob Purtiman, public affairs officer with the U.S. military in Kabul, said four U.S. service members received minor injuries. The one-line statement did not elaborate. In a telephone interview, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid took responsibility for Friday's attack on the U.S. convoy in Kabul, claiming 10 U.S. soldiers were killed. Taliban claims are often exaggerated. Witnesses said the explosion was power-

ful, blowing out windows in neighboring buildings. Traffic on the streets was light because the bombing occurred on a Friday, the weekly day off. On Thursday, six people were killed when a suicide bomber blew himself up outside an Afghan army academy and training center, also in the same area but several kilometers (miles) away from Friday's explosion.

The Interior Ministry on Thursday said a soldier had noticed a suspicious person, and as he approached him the attacker detonated his explosives near the academy. The soldier's action likely saved lives.



A burned out vehicle sits at the site of a suicide attack in Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday, May 31, 2019. A suicide car bomb exploded early Friday morning in an eastern neighborhood of the capital Kabul, leaving seven casualties, police said.

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Both the Taliban and an Islamic State affiliate have infiltrated the capital in the past. □

Dutch hostage held by Filipino militants killed in gunbattle

By JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —

A long-held Dutch hostage was fatally shot by his militant captors Friday when he tried to escape during a gunbattle in the jungles of the southern Philippines, military officials said.

Ewold Horn was killed when he made a dash to freedom during a fierce firefight between the Abu Sayyaf militants and army troops in Sulu province's mountainous Patikul town, military commander Brig. Gen. Divino Pabayo Jr. said.

At least six militants were killed and 12 others were wounded in the nearly two-hour firefight, in which eight soldiers were also wounded, the military said.

Among those killed was the wife of Abu Sayyaf commander Radulan Sahiron, a militant long wanted by the United States and the Philippines for banditry and assaults.

Pabayo condemned Horn's killing and the militants' "utter disregard for human rights."

Government forces "tried our very best to safely rescue him from his captors" and suffered injuries themselves, Pabayo said.

Horn's body was recovered by government forces near



In this photo released by the Joint Task Force Sulu, Philippine soldiers carry bodies towards a military helicopter as pursuit operations continue in Patikul, Sulu province, southern Philippines, Friday, May 31, 2019.

a river about 100 meters (330 feet) from the scene of the battle, military officials said. Troops stumbled on the militants while hunting Abu Sayyaf fighters who carried out an attack that killed two children and wounded seven other villagers in a Patikul village about a week ago.

Horn and a Swiss tourist, Lorenzo Vinciguerra, along with Filipino guide Ivan Sarenas were kidnapped by gunmen during a bird-watching trip in the southernmost province of Tawi

Tawi, near Sulu, in 2012. Sarenas escaped by jumping into the sea while they were being taken by motorboat to Jolo shortly after they were abducted.

Vinciguerra escaped two years later when he hacked a rebel commander and then was shot and wounded by another militant as he fled in a dramatic escape as government forces were firing artillery rounds toward the militants in Patikul.

Vinciguerra said he asked Horn to join his escape. "I talked to him and asked

him to join me, but he refused," Vinciguerra said in December 2014.

Although the militants have demanded huge ransoms for hostages in the past, Sahiron kept Horn close by him for years in the hope that military aircraft would not drop bombs on his camps and risk endangering the life of a European hostage, a military official who has helped monitor the militants for years told The Associated Press. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of a lack

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of authority to speak about military matters publicly. Sahiron's emissaries had recently expressed a willingness to hold talks about Horn's fate but demanded that all government forces withdraw from Patikul town before any negotiations, a demand that Philippine authorities could not grant because of the security implications, the official said, without elaborating.

The Abu Sayyaf, an offshoot of the decades-long Muslim separatist insurgency in the south, has been blacklisted by Washington and Manila as a terrorist organization for involvement in kidnappings, beheadings and deadly bombings. The group was founded in the early 1990s on Basilan island, near Jolo. An unwieldy collective of Islamic preachers and outlaws, it vowed to wage jihad, or holy war, in the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines, but lost its key leaders early in combat, sending it on a violent path of extremism and criminality.

About 320 armed Abu Sayyaf fighters remain in the south, some of them aligned with the Islamic State group, Sulu military spokesman Lt. Col. Gerard Monfort said. □

Singapore PM: Global rules could change with China's rise

By ANNABELLE LIANG

Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said Friday that countries including the United States need to be willing to change international rules in response to a stronger China.

Speaking at an annual security conference in Singapore, Lee said China must in turn play a greater role in supporting trade frameworks and upholding peace and stability in the region and beyond.

"Countries have to accept that China will continue to grow and strengthen, and that it is neither possible nor wise for them to prevent this from happening," he said.



Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong delivers a keynote address during the opening dinner of the 18th International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Shangri-la Dialogue, an annual defense and security forum in Asia, in Singapore, Friday, May 31, 2019.

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"China will have its own legitimate interests and ambitions, including to develop indigenously advanced technologies like

infocomms and artificial intelligence. New international rules need to be made in many areas, including trade and intellec-

tual property, cybersecurity and social media."

Lee was the keynote speaker at the Shangri-La Dialogue, attended by U.S. Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan, Chinese Defense Minister Wei Fenghe and other defense officials and academics.

He noted that the U.S. "has the most difficult adjustment to make" as the "pre-eminent power."

Earlier this month, the U.S. and China countries concluded their 11th round of trade talks with no agreement and raised import taxes on each other's goods. The Commerce Department has also placed Chinese tech giant Huawei on its "Entity List," effectively

barring U.S. companies from selling it technology without government approval.

Lee expects China to want a say in any new rules, because it did not participate in the creation of current ones. "And this is an entirely reasonable expectation," he said.

In return, China should take on more responsibilities and not expect to be treated in the same way as it was in the past, he said.

This extends to trade arrangements and concessions that the country negotiated when it joined the World Trade Organization in 2001.

At that time, China's merchandise trade accounted for 4% of the world's total. □

Migrants traverse the deadly last stretch of Darien jungle

By **JUAN ZAMORANO**

Associated Press

BAJO CHIQUITO, Panama (AP) —

At first they appeared only as weary silhouettes emerging from the dense foliage on the other side of the Tuquesa River.

Three women, one leaning on a stick for support, and two others carrying their few belongings on their heads accompanied by a 2-year-old boy. Two men, one carrying a machete, arrived soon after to ford the waters to safety in this village, the first populated place on the Panamanian side of the unforgiving Darien Gap.

After trekking for days from Colombia, migrants arriving at Bajo Chiquito, feel relief. It's a place to rest, seek sustenance, let loved ones know they're OK and recover their strength. But they're not out of the woods yet, figuratively or literally — ahead lies one last trek to safety by boat or by foot, and each option entails its own deadly risks for a sudden and unexpected surge of thousands of migrants traversing Darien, where authorities have almost no presence and armed men prey upon travelers.

The most perilous way forward to the next village, Penitas, is overland, hugging the Tuquesa and the Chucunaque rivers. Alexis Bello Vargas, a 25-year-old who recently made that trek with his wife, and 12 other Cubans can attest to that. They had already been robbed in the heart of Darien and, like many who attempt the last stretch on foot, had no money to pay the \$25 river voyage. Just 15 minutes after setting out from Bajo Chiquito they were set upon by two men with hunting rifles who ordered them to stop and hand over their belongings. "We kept on walking — we had nothing because we had already been robbed — and they shot us," Bello Vargas said. "We had to give them our backpacks, and they left."

One bullet passed through the leg of a woman who was part of the group, be-

fore lodging itself in Bello's knee. Fellow migrants helped him the rest of the six-hour journey to Penitas,



In this May 25, 2019 photo, a police officer count migrants in a boat that will navigate the Tuquesa river on their way to Peñitas, in Bajo Chiquito, Darien province, Panama.

where workers applied a bandage to immobilize his foot and help reduce swelling in the knee. Sitting on a folding chair and clad in shorts, a tank top and a single flip-flop, he told The Associated Press he didn't know whether he would have surgery to extract the projectile.

The alleged attackers were detained, but the alarming incident illustrates the lawlessness of the Darien and migrants' vulnerability to robbery, sexual assault, illness and the extreme elements. More than 7,300 migrants had made the crossing this year through mid-April, according to figures from border police, on pace to be the most since a previous surge in 2015-2016. Authorities did not respond to a request for updated numbers.

Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela said last week that at least 4,000 migrants were in Bajo Chiquito, Penitas and in western Panama near Costa Rica, the next stop on the road

to the United States. Varela acknowledged the difficulty of dealing with the migrant surge, which has

weren't relieved of their cellphones along the way — chat with loved ones back home.

"I spoke with my relatives, who are worried," said Alioska Peña, a 32-year-old from Matanzas on Cuba's northern coast who arrived May 23 with her husband and 9-year-old daughter. "They asked how we were doing." Migrants complained of a shortage of medicine to treat common maladies such as diarrhea. Men, women and children bathe and defecate in the river, which is also the village's source of drinking water. In Bajo Chiquito the migrants also register with police for the first time in the country. About 100 leave each day for Penitas. A border police official who was not authorized to discuss the issue and did so on condition of anonymity said most opt to wait for a place on one of the boats — perhaps mindful of the perils of continuing on foot, after having seen death and danger elsewhere in Darien.

It's a wait of about 10 days, for a trip that takes a couple of hours. But the river

holds its own perils.

AP journalists accompanied a group of four narrow, wooden boats as they ferried nearly 50 migrants to Penitas. They sat single-file, wearing olive green life vests provided by police, packed as many as 13 in each vessel.

Javier García, another Cuban, said he had left his pregnant wife back in Peru and they hoped to meet up somewhere in Panama. In the heart of Darien, he had run-ins with several dead bodies, a panther and robbers who stole \$70 and his phone.

Just before boarding the boat, García made the sign of the cross: "We will see how it goes for us."

The boat drivers frequently lifted their outboard motors to keep them from colliding with the shallow, rock-filled riverbed, steered toward the brush-lined shore in search of deeper waters and veered to dodge enormous tree trunks ripped out at the roots by previous flash floods.

According to border police, a crowded boat recently capsized after colliding with another while making the voyage. Fortunately nobody died — the water was shallow at the time — but authorities know that at least a dozen migrants, likely more, have been killed recently by fast-rising rivers elsewhere in Darien.

A handful of indigenous villages even smaller than Bajo Chiquito dotted the riverbanks, and the sound of birdsong was near constant. This trip went without incident, and the migrants arrived two hours later to a muddy berth at Penitas. García bought a soda and something to eat.

Here they would face another wait, along with over 1,000 migrants in an overcrowded makeshift camp, for buses to the Costa Rican border. But finally Darien was behind them.

Nguatem Michael, a 39-year-old from Cameroon, said his group was ambushed twice in the Gap. Robbers took their money and passports, and shot one of the migrants. □

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June's Joy & Excitement excel at Eagle Aruba Casino



EAGLE BEACH — In case you did not see the all-new Eagle Aruba Casino yet, June is your time to go. Dive into the Vegas-style vibe and mingle with the local and tourist crowd. This is a casino to feel at ease while you can bet on having the best day and/or night. The Double Down Sports Bar & Grill is not just any bar. Join in at the best ambiance and enjoy their attractive food and drinks menu from morning breakfast to evening bite!

For this month the casino has some great promotions and campaigns going on. Aruba high rollers and penny slots players can have their ball here. The seven table games (including Roulette, Blackjack, Three-Card Poker, and CRAPS table) are ready for you or do you fancy to set the wheels spinning in motion towards your next huge jackpot at over 130 of the newest and most exciting slots. Double Down Sports Bar & Grill invites you to try their signature chicken wings and stay up-to-date on with the free Wi-Fi in the restaurant and lounge area.

June Schedule:

Daily:

- Comps to Gas or Groceries Promotion; Play at Eagle Casino, use your comps for Gas or Groceries, every \$2 in comps gets you \$1 gas or groceries voucher.
- CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY WITH US! Club Members celebrating their Birthday during the month of June can Spin the Wheel to receive a fun prize plus one Free Bingo Card on bingo days.
- Table Games Daily Happy Hour \$3 Blackjack and \$0.25 roulette. 5pm till 8pm



Sundays:

- \$1,700 Bingo Sessions starting at 11AM.
- Sunday, June 16th, Father's Day Bingo, Prize Purse up to \$3,300 in cash prizes. Live Entertainment, Door prizes weekend stays at Eagle Aruba Resort for two.
- Fun day Sundays, Spin the Wheel Promotion, accumulate 100 points on the day of promotion to Spin the Wheel for Bonus Slot Dollars and Prizes. Drawings from 3PM to 6PM.

Mondays:

- \$1,700 Bingo Sessions starting at 1PM
- Play and Stay. Mondays in June. Make your slot play pay off even more with a weekend stay at Eagle Aruba Resort & Casino. Simply 10 Eagle Advantage points earned between 10am -5pm equals one (1) entry and drawings is at 5pm.
- Hot Seat Mondays: Total of \$1500 in BSD. Player needs to earn 35 points on the day of promotion in order to qualify to participate in this promotion. Drawing is from 7PM – 10PM

Tuesdays:

- \$1,700 Bingo Sessions starting at 1PM
- T-shirt Tuesday's. Join us every Tuesday in June from 10am – 10pm and take your T-shirt when you earn 100 points on your Eagle Advantage card. Limit 1 shirt per week per person.
- Slot Hot Seat Tuesdays: Total of \$1500 in BSD. Player needs to earn 35 points on the day of promotion in order to qualify to participate in this promotion. Drawing is from 7PM – 10PM

Wednesdays:

- PLINKO; for every 10 points, player will receive 1 ticket. Drawing is from 8PM to 11PM

Thursdays:

- Beat the Boss Poker Tournament at the Double Down Lounge.
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- Direct Mail Bonus Slot Dollars Offer

Fridays:

- Crazy Bingo June 14th Pre-Father's Day Celebration Bingo, Prize Purse up to \$3,300 in cash prizes. Door prizes weekend stays at Eagle Aruba Resort & Casino.
- Crazy Bingo June 21st Bingo starts at 8PM. Win up to \$3,300 in cash and door prizes.
- Blackjack Tournament Friday June 7th and 28th \$1000 (\$500 Cash and \$500 in Match plays) Guaranteed registration starts at 5pm entry fee \$10. 7pm – 11pm
- Direct Mail Bonus Slot Dollars Offer.

Saturdays:

- June 8th, Pre-Father's Day Celebration 15th & 22nd, SATURDAY Gift Giveaway "Work Shop Essentials 95pc Tool Set" Gift 5pm – 8pm.
- Money Machine: June 1st and 29th, for every 10 points, player will receive 1 ticket. Drawing is from 8PM | 9PM | 10PM | 11PM
- Direct Mail Bonus Slot Dollars Offer. □

Finish on the Beach!

PALM BEACH — The 2nd edition of the Aruba Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K and 5K will be held on Sunday, the 2nd of June 2019. The Race is AIMS/ IAAF certified and this road race is organized on the highest International level. The beautiful course will show you the best of Aruba, will take you along from Palm Beach up to the famous California Lighthouse and Eagle Beach. Runners and walkers come from all around the world and the main objection is to make this race for everybody unforgettable. The Start & Finish is at the Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino.

The Marathon starts at 03:30 am, the Half marathon at 05:30 am, the 10K (walk or run) starts at 06:30 am and the 5K (walk or run) at 8:30 am. Every participant will finish approximately at the same time at the Beach.



All families and friends are welcome along the course and at the Finish (Beach "Celebration" Party). This unique Family Running event is for young and old, schools and companies. For everyone is a suitable distance available. Undeniably, Aruba's natural environment has activities for everyone, of any age, interest or nationality.



Spectacular diving, snorkeling, fishing and golfing appeal to families, as do the fantastic white sandy beaches. We welcome participants from all over the world. Hope to see you for your "Aruba Run-cation" and experience "One Happy Island". □

Access and opportunity for all: Caribbean Libraries, Archives and Museums supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals'

Oranjestad — The Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) will organize their 49th conference in Aruba, starting from Sunday June 2nd to Thursday June 6. During this conference the focus will be on sustainable development goals (SDG's) that from the framework of the United Nations agenda 2030. The theme of the conference is: **Access and opportunity for all: Caribbean Libraries, Archives and Museums supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals'**.

The National Library of Aruba has the honor to host this year's conference that will take place at the Renaissance Convention Center. The program contains presentations from renowned speakers, exhibitions of suppliers of products and systems for libraries and centers of information. Sub-themes of the conference are:

1. Information services aimed at poverty alleviation and food security
2. Promote literacy and lifelong learning
3. Libraries and sustainability
4. Libraries contributing to peaceful and just societies
5. Integrated strategies to achieve multiple SDGs

Local artist Ryan Oduber has designed the logo of the conference. He explains: "The conch has a nurturing reference but is also still a means of communication through local and regional music. The "sound colors" are from the Sustainable Development Goals International logo and represents that we all are part of the problem, but most importantly: the solution". □



In September 2015 the member states of the United Nations (UN) adopted "Transforming our world: The 2030 agenda for sustainable development which includes Seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) spanning economic, environmental and social development. Caribbean librarians and other information professionals contribute to improved outcomes across the SDGs by promoting universal literacy, closing gaps in access to information, advancing digital inclusion, serving as the heart of the research and academic community and preserving and providing access to the world's culture and heritage.

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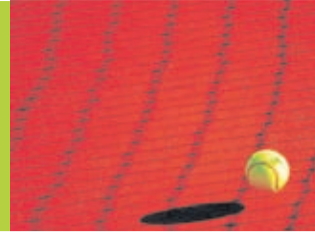


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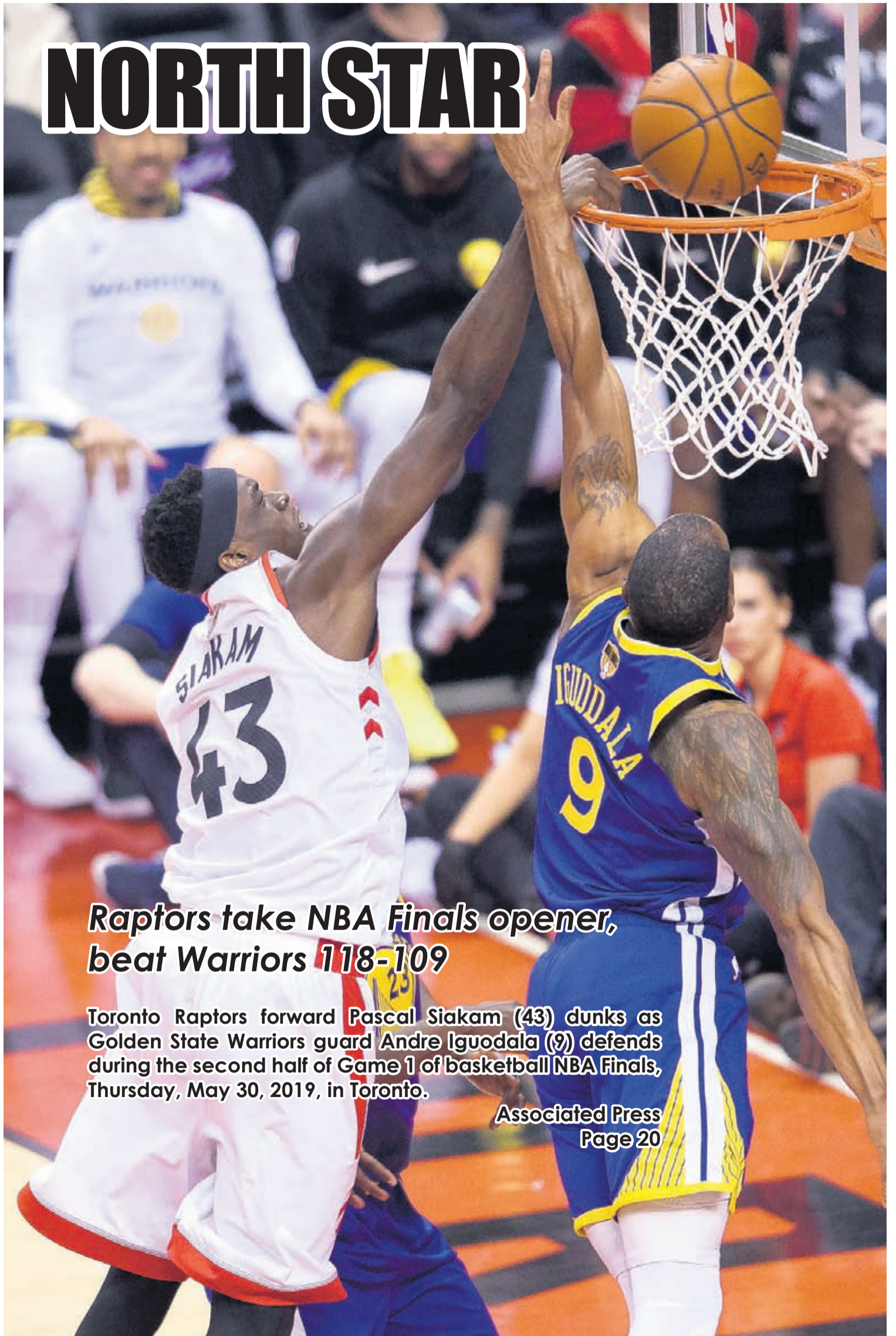
In this Aug. 6, 2017, file photo, men's long jump silver medalist Jarrion Lawson, of the United States, poses on the podium at the World Athletics Championships in London.
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Agent: U.S. long jumper expects doping ban; tainted beef cited

By PAT GRAHAM
AP Sports Writer

American long jumper and sprinter Jarrion Lawson faces a lengthy ban after eating what he maintains was contaminated meat. His agent, Paul Doyle, told The Associated Press on Friday that Lawson is expected to receive a four-year ban from the Athletics Integrity Unit, which handles doping issues in track and field. Doyle said they'll appeal the soon-to-be-announced decision. Lawson has been suspended since August. He's considered a strong medal contender for next year's Tokyo Games. "I'm not going to willingly take punishment for something I didn't do," Lawson said in a phone interview. Doyle said Lawson ate what they believe to be tainted beef at a Japanese restaurant in Arkansas before a drug test on June 2, 2018.

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Raptors take NBA Finals opener, beat Warriors 118-109

Toronto Raptors forward Pascal Siakam (43) dunks as Golden State Warriors guard Andre Iguodala (9) defends during the second half of Game 1 of basketball NBA Finals, Thursday, May 30, 2019, in Toronto.

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Back on tour in Paris, Federer keeping an eye on the present

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — Roger Federer's return to Roland Garros feels a bit like what happens when a wildly popular rock star goes back on tour after years away.

He plays his greatest hits: the no-look, back-to-the-net, over-the-shoulder volley winner; the sliced backhand returns; the aces to erase break points. He elicits "oohs" and "aahs" and raucous applause. His audience includes parents, familiar with his work in his younger days, bringing their kids to the show.

In Federer's case, one father-child duo had the best seats in the house Friday at Court Suzanne Lenglen. That's because Christian Ruud, a guy who happened to be in the French Open field himself when Federer made his Grand Slam debut all the way back in 1999, was in the front row, watching his 20-year-old son, Casper, lose to the 37-year-old Federer 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 (8) in the third round in 2019.

"That's how unbelievable a champion he is, being to play on a high level for 20 years. I've been impressed with him my whole life — and I still (am)," said Christian Ruud, who coaches Casper.



Switzerland's Roger Federer plays a shot against Norway's Casper Ruud during their third round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Friday, May 31, 2019.

Federer, the elder Ruud said, "cannot play forever, but he's still playing at an amazing level."

Certainly good enough to reach the fourth round in Paris for the record 14th time, a mark that was equaled a few hours later when Federer's longtime rival, Rafael Nadal, equaled it with his own victory.

While Federer raced through nine consecutive games in one stretch — "The first two sets went pretty quick," Casper Ruud ac-

knowledged — and hasn't dropped a set this week, Nadal was pushed a bit by 27th-seeded David Goffin. Still, Nadal recovered quickly after ceding a set, the first he'd lost to Goffin in their four matches on clay, before emerging to win 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. Pursuing a 12th championship at the French Open, Nadal improved to 89-2 at the clay-court tournament; Friday marked exactly 10 years since his first defeat, against Robin Soderling

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in the fourth round in 2009 (the only year Federer won the title).

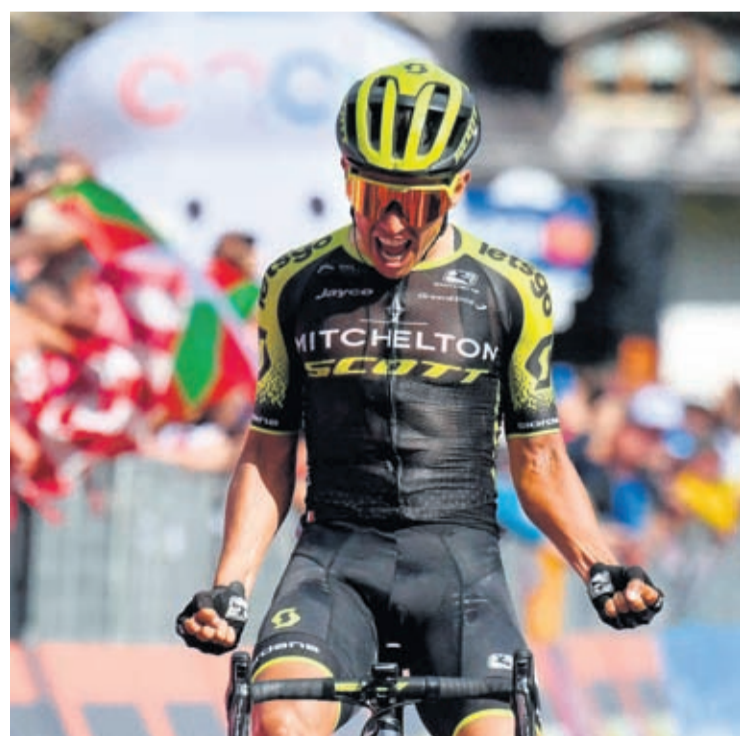
That setback came on a gray, rainy day. This victory was bathed in sunshine, which is far more to Nadal's liking.

He and Federer are moving closer to a semifinal showdown. First they'll need to get to the quarterfinals with victories Sunday, when each faces an Argentine opponent: Federer plays 68th-ranked Leonardo Mayer, and Nadal takes on

78th-ranked Juan Ignacio Londero, who is making his major tournament debut.

Another men's fourth-round matchup was set when No. 7 Kei Nishikori and Benoit Paire advanced.

In the women's draw, 2018 runner-up Sloane Stephens meets 2016 champion Garbiñe Muguruza in the fourth round, when other matches will include 12th-seeded Anastasija Sevastova against 19-year-old Marketa Vondrousova; and No. 31 Petra Martić — who upset No. 2 Karolina Pliskova — against Kaia Kanepi. Federer hadn't entered the French Open since 2015; he was injured the next year, then decided to skip the clay circuit in 2016-17 to focus on preparing for grass and hard courts. The owner of a men's-record 20 Grand Slam titles and considered the "Greatest of All Time" by many already is popular, of course; his absence apparently made Parisian hearts grow fonder. His matches have been packed. Practice sessions, too. Just walking across the grounds Friday was an adventure as a line of fans five people deep waved hats and tennis balls and other items at Federer in hopes of an autograph, while others filmed the scene with their camera phones. □



Esteban Chavez of the Mitchelton-Scott team celebrates while crossing the finish line in San Martino di Castrozza to win the 151 km, 19th stage of the Giro d'Italia cycling race from Treviso to San Martino di Castrozza.

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Chaves wins Stage 19, Carapaz keeps Giro lead

SAN MARTINO DI CASTROZZA, Italy (AP) — Esteban Chaves secured an emotional victory on the 19th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Friday, and Ecuadorian cyclist Richard Carapaz remained in the overall lead. Chaves earned his first win since being diagnosed with Epstein-Barr virus while competing in last year's Giro and taking eight months off from racing. "This is pure happiness," Chaves said. "It takes a heavy weight off my back. It's a relief to be a winner again. It shows I can do it."

Chaves, a Colombian who rides for Mitchelton-Scott,

crossed the line 10 seconds ahead of Italian cyclist Andrea Vendrame, who had two mechanical failures in the final 4 kilometers of the uphill finish to San Martino di Castrozza.

Amaro Antunes was third, 12 seconds behind Chaves at the end of the 151-kilometer route from Treviso. The trio had been part of an 11-man breakaway that escaped early in the stage and Chaves whittled down with a series of attacks on the final climb.

"Because the last climb wasn't very steep, I had to attack many, many times," Chaves said. "A big thank you to everyone who sup-

ported me when I had a hard time." "It's another good day for us and we're looking forward to tomorrow," Carapaz said. "We're ready to defend the Maglia Rosa in a harder stage than today."

The penultimate stage Saturday is the last chance Carapaz's rivals have to gain significant time on the Movistar cyclist ahead of the final time trial in Verona on Sunday.

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Kaymer shows sign of resurgence, tied for lead at Memorial

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Two-time major champion Martin Kaymer is tied for the lead going into the weekend at the Memorial, and whether he wins is not what drives him.

He knows his game is close enough that he can. Kaymer kept it simple Friday with birdies on all the par 5s, a tee shot to 10 feet on a dangerous right pin at the par-3 12th and a bogey on his final hole at Muirfield Village for a 4-under 68 that gave him a share of the lead with Troy Merritt (66) and Kyoung-Hoon Lee (67). They were at 9-under 135. Jordan Spieth had a 70 and was another shot behind.

Tiger Woods had a chance to be a lot closer to the mix than seven shots except for the par-5 15th. He was in the shaggy rough on a hill above the green in two, and took five to get down for a double bogey. Woods had to settle for a 72.

"I just wasn't able to get anything really going," Woods said.

Kaymer is coming up on the five-year anniversary of his last win, and that wasn't just any victory. He demolished the field at Pinehurst No. 2 for an eight-shot victory, this coming one month after he beat the strongest and deepest field in golf at The Players Championship. And then he was gone.

"I distract myself," Kaymer said. "I listen too much to other people, and also a bit of belief. Sometimes, you would think I won so many big tournaments I should have so much be-



Troy Merritt tees off on the 18th hole during the second round of the Memorial golf tournament Friday, May 31, 2019, in Dublin, Ohio.

lief in myself that I can win any week. ... The last two years, I was just not there. I just didn't believe that I could win the tournament I'm playing."

He recently got off social media because he found no value except for gossip, innuendo and otherwise useless information. He was reminded of why that was such a smart move when he stopped for coffee Tuesday morning and stood in line between a half-dozen people, all staring at their phones.

"It's just distraction, stimulation for your brain, just not thinking, not being there," he said.

Spieth appears to be getting closer to ending nearly two years without a victory. One day after he holed two chips and made a

long eagle putt, he was in position for a low score and had to settle for a 70.

"I probably shot the highest score I could have today," Spieth said, though he immediately saw one upside. His only bogey was on No. 10 when he missed a 4-foot putt. But that was only his second bogey through 36 holes.

"I'd like to think I'd make as many or more birdies over the next two days," he said. "For me, it's about eliminating mistakes, and I've done a good job of that."

Justin Rose made the biggest move of the way. He opened with a 75 and dropped to 4 over with a bogey on the third round. And then Rose strung together six consecutive 3s on his card, especially impressive because two of them

were par 5s. He chipped in for another birdie. He wound up with a 63 and went from a weekend off to being within three shots of the lead.

Woods watched the whole thing and was mostly stuck in neutral.

"All of us were watching Rosie get things going on the front nine," Woods said. "I just wasn't able to make anything happen today." No shot did more damage than his 5-wood to the par-5 15th, where it sailed to the left, the one place he couldn't afford to miss. He was trying to bounce it one green and it took two tries to do that, and then he three-putted from just over 25 feet for a double bogey. "I just need a round like what Rosie played today," Woods said.

At least he's still playing. Phil Mickelson started with a triple bogey and ended the back nine with a double bogey. He matched his worst score at Muirfield Village with a 79 and missed the cut. It was even more painful for Rory McIlroy, who was on the cut number (1-over 145) when his wedge to the 15th came up 5 feet short of where it needed to land and rolled off the green, down the fairway and into a light cut of rough, leading to bogey. He also missed a 4-foot par putt on the 17th, making his birdie on the 18th meaningless.

Also leaving early was Justin Thomas in his first tournament since the Masters because of a bone bruise in his right wrist. He was in good shape until hitting into the water on both par 3s on the back nine, and when his hopes were gone, catching a flier out of the first cut that went off the cart path behind the 18th green and into the dining room. He left in style.

For Kaymer, he can only hope this 36-hole performance is an arrival.

"It's very early to think that way," he said. "But you're excited to be in position again. You work quite hard over the last few years, and you want to feel that excitement of playing one of the last groups. And who knows what happens by Sunday afternoon, if I'm still up there or not. But I'm very pleased right now that I put myself in that position. ... knowing and proving to myself that I have it in me right now. □"

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North of border, Warriors enter new territory: 1-0 deficit

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

TORONTO (AP) — Steve Kerr has seen a little of almost everything during his wildly successful five-year run as coach of the Golden State Warriors.

This, however, is something new.

For the first time, Kerr and the Warriors are staring at a 1-0 deficit in the NBA Finals. They've trailed in series before, faced plenty of adverse moments along the way, but this is the newest challenge for a franchise trying to join the short list of clubs that have won three consecutive championships.

"The experience helps," Kerr said Friday, a day after the Toronto Raptors struck first. "Winning multiple championships helps because you have seen it all. There's also just the knowledge that you've been here before. You've been down. We have been up 3-1 and lost a series. We have been down 3-1 and won a series. Everything in between. So nothing is going to catch these guys off-guard."

That's his hope, anyway. There was a clear air of confidence from the Warriors even in the very first moments after the loss Thursday night. They knew they didn't play particularly well, and lost by only nine. They trailed most of the way, yet still were within striking distance plenty of times. They seemed far from rattled.

"No matter what, our sights were coming in that it's a long series," Warriors star Stephen Curry said. "And



Toronto Raptors forward Pascal Siakam (43) scores as Golden State Warriors center DeMarcus Cousins (0) and guard Shaun Livingston, right, defend during the second half of Game 1 of basketball's NBA Finals, Thursday, May 30, 2019, in Toronto.

Game 2 is an opportunity for us to right the wrongs and get a big win and go back home."

No one needs to explain to the Warriors that a win on Sunday completely shifts the narrative.

And even though the axiom has always been that Game 1 winners usually go on to win the series — and that is still the case — it seems that a 1-0 deficit isn't as daunting to teams as it once might have been.

Since the league went to the 16-team format for the 1984 postseason, Game 1 winners have never been

as vulnerable as they have seemed to be this year. In the 14 series this year that preceded the NBA Finals, six Game 1 winners wound up losing their series. That's never happened before in this format.

In the 2010s, Game 1 winners have gone on to lose a series 31% of the time. In the 2000s, it was 25%; in the 1990s, 15%.

"As soon as you lose a game, it will be on the crawl that now we only have a 19.7% chance of winning the series. Then if we win (Sunday) we'll have a 42.7% chance of

not losing the series," said Kerr, tongue firmly planted in cheek. "This stuff is what it is. You lose a game, you come back and you try to win." Kerr's stance is clear: A simpler approach — study film, find ways to get better, apply them Sunday — is best. On the other hand, Golden State hadn't lost a Game 1 this season. Or the season before that. Or the season before that. The last time the Warriors woke up and were down 1-0 in a series was the Western Conference finals in 2016 — against Kevin Durant and Oklahoma City.

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The Warriors responded with a blowout win in Game 2 and went on to prevail in seven games.

"You never lose that experience," Warriors forward Draymond Green said. "You can always look back on it and it's more about how you felt, what was your mindset then. But it's impossible to be the same because it's completely different teams. And although some of us may have that experience, others on our team have not had that experience."

It bears noting that the Raptors know a 1-0 series lead doesn't mean much. Orlando had one of those against Toronto in the first round, and lost in five games.

Milwaukee had one of those against Toronto in the Eastern Conference finals — 2-0, actually — and lost in six games.

"We've tried to (have) a conscious thought process of not really caring what the score of the series is," Raptors coach Nick Nurse said. "I think we know that the games are really hard. We know that after a win, the team that gets beat gets really determined. They try to fix things. They mostly play a lot harder and more physical and all those kind of things."

The challenge for his team is to do the same. That process started with a long film session Friday, and there was much to clean up.

"There was plenty on there that we need to do better if we want to win another game in this series," Nurse said. □

Trout, Angels batter Kikuchi in 9-3 win over Mariners

By The Associated Press
SEATTLE (AP) — Kole Calhoun and César Puello homered, Mike Trout had three RBIs and Los Angeles battered Yusei Kikuchi for six early runs in a win over Seattle. The highly anticipated first matchup in the majors between Japanese stars Kikuchi and Shohei Ohtani was quashed when Ohtani was given the night off by Angels manager Brad Ausmus. Even without Ohtani in the lineup, Los Angeles handed Kikuchi (3-3) a second straight miserable outing. The rookie gave up 10 hits in 3 1/3 innings. He failed to strike out a batter for the first time in 13 big league starts.

The Angels used Luis Garcia as an opener, but it was Félix Peña (3-1) shutting down the Mariners after Garcia's one inning. Peña threw 5 1/3 innings, allowing three hits and three runs. Tim Beckham hit a two-run homer, his 11th of the season, and later drove in another run on a groundout.

RAYS 14, TWINS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Austin Meadows drove in four runs to back the

pitching of Charlie Morton, who remained unbeaten, as Tampa Bay beat major league-leading Minnesota. Meadows delivered a three-run double in a six-run third inning against starter Martin Perez (7-2). He also singled home a run in the fourth, when the Rays scored five more times to make it 11-0.

Tampa Bay's winning streak is its longest since the team won eight straight in August last year.

Morton (6-0) limited the Twins to two hits before Luis Arraez doubled and scored on Ehire Adrianza's two-out single in the fifth.

Brandon Lowe had three RBIs, Ji-Man Choi hit a two-run homer and Christian Arroyo, Willy Adames, Travis d'Arnaud and Avisail Garcia also drove in runs for the Rays.

Perez allowed a season-high six runs and six hits over 2 2/3 innings for the Twins.

ROYALS 4, RANGERS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Jorge Soler and Adalberto Mondesi homered and Jakob Junis allowed two runs in six innings as Kansas City snapped a three-game losing streak with a win over



Los Angeles Angels' Cesar Puello (48) reacts as he crosses the plate after hitting a solo home run during the third inning of the team's baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, Thursday, May 30, 2019, in Seattle.

Texas.

Junis (4-5) allowed four hits, including homers by Shin-Soo Choo and Nomar Mazara, and two walks for his first win since May 1. The victory follows three losses and a no-decision.

Ian Kennedy worked a perfect ninth inning for his third save, and the first for Kansas City since May 1.

The Royals improved to 8-20 away from Kauffman Stadium, but still have the worst road record in the

majors.

Mike Minor (5-4) allowed three runs on seven hits in five-plus innings.

WHITE SOX 10, INDIANS 4

CHICAGO (AP) — Yonder Alonso and José Abreu each hit a two-run homer, and Chicago beat Cleveland for its season-high fourth straight victory.

Alonso also doubled and scored against his former team, helping Chicago move within one game of Cleveland for second

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place in the AL Central. Eloy Jiménez had three hits and two RBIs, and Manny Bañuelos (3-4) pitched 5 1/3 innings of three-run ball for his first win in a month. Carlos Carrasco (4-6) matched a season high by allowing six runs and 10 hits in 6 1/3 innings of his third consecutive loss.

Jordan Luplow went deep for Cleveland, and Carlos Santana drove in two runs in the opener of a four-game series. □

Plugging holes: Bruins' Moore ready to step in for Grzelcyk

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — John Moore is ready for his close-up and the chance to make an impact in the Stanley Cup Final.

Moore is expected to replace injured defenseman Matt Grzelcyk in the Boston Bruins' lineup for Game 3 at the St. Louis Blues on Saturday night. Grzelcyk is in concussion protocol and didn't travel with the team, and Moore took his place in practice Friday alongside Connor Clifton.

"This is why you train, why you prepare, why you take care of yourself," Moore said. "When you're called

upon, it's time to do your job."

The series is tied 1-1.

Moore for Grzelcyk is one of a couple holes being filled with injuries and a suspension affecting the plans for coaches Bruce Cassidy of the Bruins and Craig Berube of the Blues. Boston first-line center Patrice Bergeron and Blues first-line winger Vladimir Tarasenko are confirmed to play in Game 3 after each one missed practice for maintenance, but the lineups have to change slightly.

The Blues will be without important grinder Oskar Sundqvist after their only active player with a Cup ring

was suspended one game for boarding Grzelcyk and knocking him out of Game 2 on Wednesday night. Zach Sanford is expected to go in the lineup for his first playoff action since the first round, though Berube wouldn't confirm that and said injured forward Robert Thomas was a "possibility" to play.

"Does a lot of good things for us on both sides of the puck," Berube said. "Good penalty killer, center, wing, great defensively and has produced for us, too. Good player."

Sanford hasn't played since Game 3 of the Winnipeg series April 14. That's



Boston Bruins' Matt Grzelcyk, center, is assisted from the ice by Jake DeBrusk, left, and David Krejci, right, after an injury during the first period in Game 2 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final against the St. Louis Blues, Wednesday, May 29, 2019, in Boston.

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an even longer layoff than Blues winger Robby Fabbri, who replaced Thomas in Game 2.

"The guys who haven't been playing have done a

good job of holding each other accountable," Sanford said. "We've been skating, working out. It's a little different when you get into a game." □

Giants snap 7-game losing streak with 3-1 win over Marlins

By The Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Brandon Crawford hit a tiebreaking two-run double in the eighth inning, and the San Francisco Giants broke a seven-game losing streak by rallying past the Miami Marlins 3-1 Thursday.

San Francisco's Tyler Beede, recalled before the game from Triple-A Sacramento, allowed one run in six innings to lower his ERA in four appearances to 7.82. Three relievers completed a seven-hitter.

The Giants averted a series sweep against the team with the National League's worst record, and won with six hits. They trailed 1-0 in the seventh when Crawford doubled and scored on a single by Mike Yastrzemski, who earned his first career RBI.

With the score 1-all, Adam Conley (1-5) walked pinch hitter Buster Posey in the eighth. Brandon Belt followed with a broken-bat single, and Evan Longoria walked to load the bases. Crawford greeted Wei-Yin Chen with a ground-rule double for a 3-1 lead.

Reyes Moronta (2-4) worked a scoreless seventh. Will Smith pitched a perfect ninth for his 13th save.

Sandy Alcantara pitched six innings, singled home the Marlins' lone run and worked around two hits, five walks and a hit batsman.

DODGERS 2, METS 0

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched four-hit ball



San Francisco Giants' Brandon Crawford watches after hitting a ground rule double to score two runs during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Miami Marlins, Thursday, May 30, 2019, in Miami.

into the eighth inning, leading Los Angeles over New York.

Chris Taylor tripled off hard-luck loser Jason Vargas to start the bottom of the first and scored when Max Muncy followed with a double. That was all the offense for either team until Kiké Hernández singled home an insurance run with two outs in the eighth. Ryu (8-1) struck out seven and walked one in 7 2/3 innings. Kenley Jansen got four outs for his 16th save as the NL West leaders took three of four in the series.

Greeted by a standing ovation, Ryu has 69 strike-

outs and only five walks in 11 starts.

CARDINALS 5, PHILLIES 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dakota Hudson tossed six effective innings, Jedd Gyorko hit a two-run homer and St. Louis beat Philadelphia. Marcell Ozuna, Matt Wieters and Matt Carpenter also went deep for the Cardinals, who avoided their first sweep against Philadelphia since 2006.

Hudson (4-3) allowed four hits and one run in his fourth straight quality start. Jordan Hicks got the last three outs for his 11th save in 12 tries after three relievers worked two innings.

Phillies starter Jerad Eickhoff (2-3) gave up four runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings. Bryce Harper and Rhys Hoskins had RBI hits and Cesar Hernandez added an RBI fielder's choice grounder for Philadelphia.

ROCKIES 11, DIAMONDBACKS 10, 10 INNINGS

DENVER (AP) — Daniel Murphy hit an RBI single in the 10th inning to lead Colorado to a victory over Arizona.

The Rockies swept the four-game series and extended their winning streak to five games. Colorado's last four wins at home have come on walk-offs by different

players.

Trevor Story reached on a one-out double off Yoshihisa Hirano (0-2) and moved to third on a groundout by David Dahl. Arizona intentionally walked Nolan Arenado, and Murphy lined a single to left that scored Story.

Murphy finished with three hits and three RBIs, and Story had a career-high four hits. Ian Desmond also homered. Seungwhan Oh (3-1) pitched the top of the 10th and got the win.

Eduardo Escobar, Christian Walker and pitcher Taylor Clarke hit home runs for Arizona, which failed to hold the late lead and dropped its fourth straight.

BREWERS 11, PIRATES 5

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Moustakas had two homers among his four hits and Milwaukee beat Pittsburgh. Yasmani Grandal also homered and had four hits to help the Brewers win for the third time in four games.

Moustakas hit a two-run shot in the first inning, and his solo shot in the third extended Milwaukee's lead to 4-1.

Grandal followed Moustakas' second homer with a solo shot to back Chase Anderson (3-0), who gave up two runs and six hits with five strikeouts in five innings. Colin Moran homered in the fourth for Pittsburgh. Josh Bell pushed his hitting streak to 10 games.

Joe Musgrove (3-6) allowed five runs and 11 hits in six innings. □



Mamiko Higa of Japan, watches her ball off the 13th tee during the second round of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament, Friday, May 31, 2019, in Charleston, S.C.

By PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer

Associated Press
CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Japan's Mamiko Higa said

Rain Rally: Higa holds onto U.S. Women's Open lead after delay

she wasn't nervous holding the first-round lead at the U.S. Women's Open. Now, she's given her nerves a much bigger test after Friday's weather-delayed second round.

Higa shot an even-par 71 to maintain her edge in first appearance in the year's second major. She rallied with three birdies on her final six holes to move in front of Jessica Korda and hold the halfway lead.

Higa, a 25-year-old known

as part of a Japanese sports power couple with sumo wrestler husband Ikioi Shota, wasn't worried after her opening surprise 65, the lowest debut round in tournament history.

"After I finished, (Thursday) night I didn't feel that much pressure. I wasn't nervous," she said through an interpreter.

Higa showed those steely nerves after the rain delay of 1 hour, 58 minutes. Trailing Korda by a shot,

she rolled in an 11-footer for birdie on her first stroke back. She followed that up with two more birdies, both which moved her in front of Korda and into the lead after 36 holes at the Country Club of Charleston. On her final hole, the ninth, with darkness closing in, Higa confidently struck a 14-footer for birdie.

"I feel very lucky that I could finish up 18 holes today so that I can recover well for tomorrow," she said. □

Dangerous game: Joshua fights Ruiz, with others on his mind

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In front of Anthony Joshua for his U.S. debut will be Andy Ruiz Jr.

On Joshua's mind will be more than the defense of his four heavyweight titles Saturday night.

As honest as he is undefeated, Joshua says the likes of Tyson Fury, Deontay Wilder and a few other potential opponents aren't far from his thoughts. It's a dangerous game to be playing if his total focus isn't on the upcoming opponent at Madison Square Garden, even if Ruiz is a 30-1 underdog.

"I think I can beat Ruiz," Joshua said. "If Wilder is not available, I want Fury," he said.

"I said I want to meet Wilder, chat with him, and the next day he announces a fight with no date or venue attached to it. I still say there is hope, but I think the next person I want then is Fury."

Wilder, owner of the WBC crown, apparently has de-

ecided to give Luis Ortiz a rematch. Ortiz battered Wilder for parts of their fight in early 2018 before running out of gas and getting knocked out.

Fury vs. Wilder in an all-British bout could bring a huge purse in the United Kingdom.

"The possibilities are still in there for the (other champions) to fight," Joshua said.

Ah, but there's this little annoyance for WBA/IBF/WBO/IBO champion Joshua: Ruiz.

"I am fighting good fighters," Joshua said of his 22-0 mark, 21 by knockouts. He wouldn't give Wilder that much credit.

"I'm still taking risks. I'd rather take the risk with someone who brings a massive reward. But beating Ruiz is fine."

Joshua originally was scheduled to face Jarrell Miller, but the trash-talking New Yorker failed drug tests. It doesn't seem that Joshua has worked up the enmity for Ruiz that he carried for Miller — their news

conference announcing the fight was a mud-slinging festival.

The champion also can't seem to keep his focus on Ruiz (32-1, 21 KOs). He vows he will put on a good show for the Garden crowd and the streaming audience on DAZN. Then, he will chase bigger headlines.

"It's not about Wilder," Joshua said. "It's about what I can achieve. I'm still after a fight for the undisputed heavyweight title. We've been pointing there for years. Wilder's a good name in general. It's not about Joshua vs. Wilder. It's about the undisputed heavyweight title. That means a lot to me."

Any portion of the title would mean the world to Ruiz. He fought for the WBO version and lost to Joseph Parker on a very close decision. Wilder now owns that crown.

"I am blessed," Ruiz said. "I have nothing bad to say about him. He's a good fighter. Hopefully, I can get the knockout. If not, being busy and using my hands



British boxer Anthony Joshua, left, faces off against Andy Ruiz before a press conference ahead of their heavyweight bout, Thursday, May 30, 2019, in New York. Joshua will defend his WBA, WBO and IBF heavyweight titles.

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and getting the combinations and I win by decision." Considering only Parker has gone the distance with

Joshua, and Ruiz tested Parker bigtime, maybe the American will provide a challenge. □

Doping Ban

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Lawson was notified on Aug. 3 that he tested positive for a metabolite of the banned anabolic steroid trenbolone. The substance is frequently used in the U.S. to promote the growth of beef cattle. It also formed part of a steroid mixture used by Russian athletes at the 2014 Winter Olympics. Before last summer, Lawson said he knew nothing about trenbolone. Now, he knows quite a bit about it. His "A" sample contained about 0.65 nanograms and his "B" sample about 0.80. Doyle noted that those who have tested positive for trenbolone have been in the range of 37 nanograms.

"It's an impossible burden to prove because you don't have a time machine to go back and test

the beef," Doyle said.

Lawson's been a rising standout since he burst on the scene. During his last season at the University of Arkansas in 2016, Lawson became the first man since Jesse Owens in 1936 to win the 100, 200 and long jump at the same NCAA championships.

That summer, Lawson nearly captured Olympic gold in the long jump, but missed out on the top spot when he grazed the sand with his fingers just before landing. He finished fourth. In 2017, he took second at the world championships. Lawson hasn't competed since the Diamond League meet in London on July 22, 2018, when he finished third in the long jump.

Since August, the 25-year-old Lawson has been splitting his time between working on the 100, 200 and his



In this March 2, 2018, file photo, United States' Jarrion Lawson makes an attempt in the men's long jump final at the World Athletics Indoor Championships in Birmingham, Britain.

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form for the long jump — all the while knowing his future remains uncertain. He's not sure about U.S. championships later this summer or U.S. Olympic trials.

"They could've sought a two-year ban, which would have him back ready for the Olympic games potentially. But Jarrion and I agree he shouldn't accept a two-minute ban because

he did nothing wrong," Doyle said.

Lawson has a credit-card receipt from the restaurant on the day he purchased a beef bowl.

Doyle said they also have the beef supplier information and the company did use trenbolone.

"There's a bias when there's a negative drug test to automatically think who-

ever involved was doping. That's not the case. There's proof that's not the case," Lawson said. "I believe I'll be back on the track here soon."

The World Anti-Doping Agency's board recently amended an article of its code that allows WADA-accredited labs to report "atypical findings" for the prohibited substance clenbuterol. Before that, labs were only allowed to report analytical testing results for exogenous prohibited substances as "adverse analytical findings," which didn't allow for investigations to take place when potential meat contamination scenarios occurred. It doesn't extend to trenbolone. Doyle said they sent hair samples from Lawson to a French lab for testing and it came back negative for trenbolone. Doyle said that proves Jarrion is "not a habitual user of trenbolone." □

Hydrogen-power electric flying vehicle: Long road to liftoff

By **CHRISTOPHER WEBER**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A transportation company is betting its sleek new hydrogen-powered electric flying vehicles will someday serve as taxis, cargo carriers and ambulances of the sky, but experts say they will have to clear a number of regulatory hurdles before being approved for takeoff years in the future.

With six rotors on the roof and seats inside for five people, a passenger model of the Skai (pronounced "sky") unveiled Wednesday near Los Angeles resembles an oversized drone crossed with a luxury SUV.

Like a drone, the vehicle from Alaka'i Technologies takes off and lands vertically. It's one of many similar electric flying crafts in production, including prototypes from Boeing and Airbus that made successful test flights this year, according to Vertical Flight Society, an industry group. Most are powered by batteries, which can add a lot of weight. The Skai instead uses very light hydrogen fuel cells to run its rotors, giving it a range of 400



This Tuesday, May 28, 2019, photo shows the Skai vehicle, developed by Alaka'i Technologies in Newbury Park, Calif.

miles (644 kilometers) and the capacity to carry 1,000 pounds (454 kilograms) in people or freight, the company says.

"We just couldn't get to the point where we could have enough batteries to get to the payload that we knew we needed," CEO Stephan Hanvey said of the choice to switch to hydrogen power. Alaka'i says it's planning

a test flight near its Massachusetts headquarters.

It would be flown by an onboard pilot using a pair of joysticks, but the technology exists to eventually fly it remotely and even autonomously, Hanvey said.

It will be years before the Federal Aviation Administration allows the autonomous flight of passenger vehicles, said attorney

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Thaddeus Lightfoot, a partner with the firm Dorsey & Whitney who helps companies navigate FAA rules.

Regulators are still grappling with the proliferation of smaller drones — those under about 50 pounds flown by hobbyists and filmmakers. The FAA just this year eased restrictions on flying small drones over crowds and at night.

Drone-like vehicles such as the Skai must first simply prove their airworthiness, like any common plane, Lightfoot said. After that, getting commercial certification is another convoluted process, he said.

"The technology is interesting, but the regulatory road will be very long," said Lightfoot, adding that the idea of allowing people to fly in a large aircraft without a pilot is "well outside the current regulatory regime." Hanvey conceded that it could take at least a decade before the company realizes his vision of a fleet of electric flying vehicles ferrying passengers over major cities at nearly 120 mph. Before that, he hopes to see Skai aircraft used by first responders to send in food or water following disasters like hurricanes or wildfires that can destroy infrastructure.

It could be used as an ambulance and to evacuate people, Hanvey said. Outfitted with a transmitter, one could serve as a mobile cell tower, hovering for up to 10 hours over a neighborhood to provide communication services, he said. □

Cuba legalizes private Wi-Fi, importation of routers

By **MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN**

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba announced Wednesday that it is legalizing private Wi-Fi networks and the importation of equipment like routers, eliminating one of the world's tightest restrictions on internet use.

The measure announced by state media provides a legal status to thousands of Cubans who created homemade digital networks with smuggled equipment that was illegal but generally tolerated by authorities in recent years. It also appears to allow private businesses to provide internet to customers, the potential start in Cuba of internet cafes, so far virtually unknown here.

While the new regulation permits citizens to connect to the internet with their own equipment and share the signal with oth-



In this Jan. 6, 2017 photo Roberto Carlos Villamar uses his laptop on the new experimental internet in the living room of his home in Havana, Cuba.

ers, it does not loosen state control of the internet itself. Cuba's telecoms monopoly, Etecsa, remains the only internet provider on the island. The new rules go into effect on July 29.

The government says operators of private networks will not be allowed to charge for the service, although it is unclear how

that will be enforced. Until 2015, the only legal internet on the island could be found in government computer centers and hotels frequented mostly by tourists. That changed with the activation of dozens of government routers mounted in parks and on street corners. Cubans could log on to the routers with

scratch-off cards bought from the government for several dollars per hour of internet. That cost has declined to \$1 an hour.

In order to enjoy the internet at home, Cubans smuggled in powerful antennas that picked up the signal from nearby government routers and piped into their bedrooms and living rooms. They still needed government scratch-off cards to access the internet itself. Cubans also created their own networks of thousands of computers connected to each other with cables strung from home to home, mostly for competitive game-playing. They were not allowed to be connected to the internet, although many had at least some points of connection. Those networks were largely tolerated but subject to occasional searches and confiscation. All will now

become legal. Cubans also will be able to bring in antennas and routers after requesting a permit online, a process supposed to take 30 days. What's more, the homemade household networks will be able to legally connect to the government internet, spreading connectivity to thousands of homes that don't have it. Cuba began offering home internet service over phone lines last year but the service has been slow to spread outside a still-limited number of neighborhoods. Cuba also began offering mobile internet service last year, a service that has spread much faster.

While equipment owners will be free to share their Wi-Fi signal, their own access to the internet itself will still require access through a government scratch-off card. □

5 reasons to keep renting

By **KELSEY SHEEHY**

Associated Press

You have a stable job and a solid nest egg. Time to buy a home, right? Not necessarily.

Although homeownership can offer financial benefits like equity, appreciation and tax deductions, there may still be good reasons to keep renting even when you can afford to buy, including more mobility and financial flexibility.

"It's really just not as cut and dried as the famous 'throwing money away on rent,' especially if renting is buying you something you value, such as flexibility or consistency in terms of cost of living," says Charlie Bolognino, a certified financial planner at Side-by-Side Financial Planning LLC in Plymouth, Minnesota.

Here are five reasons renting might make sense for you.

YOU WANT FLEXIBILITY

Buying a home could easily tie you to a place for years, if not decades. You can always sell, of course, but there are associated costs — and you could lose money if you sell too soon or are forced to sell in a down market.

Renting, on the other hand, gives you more freedom to relocate as desired. Sure, you have a lease to consider, but those typically last just 12 months, and you may have the option to sublet if you can find a new



In this April 23, 2018, file photo a for rent sign denotes the availability of another existing home in Jackson, Miss.

tenant. So you can more easily jump at a career opportunity across the country or simply try a different neighborhood on for size.

That level of flexibility can also provide relief if your financial situation changes. "When you're renting, you have a light at the end of the tunnel where, if you're stretched thinner than you thought you would be, you can pick up and move when your lease is up," says Kelly Ennis, a certified financial planner and founder of Infinity Financial Strategies LLC in Granby, Connecticut. "With a house, you have to pay it off or sell it, and hope you get at least

as much as you paid or enough to cover your mortgage."

YOU DON'T HAVE TIME FOR MAINTENANCE

Homeownership is work. Yardwork. Housework. Maintenance work. All of that can be a drain. "Owning your own property just takes more time," says Keny Kline, an entrepreneur in Brooklyn, New York. "Dealing with maintenance, the co-op board, the occasional construction project all takes more time and stress than you realize." Kline previously owned a home, but went back to renting and has "never looked back," he says. "Now, I live in a

well-managed apartment building, and all of that is taken care of for me."

YOU CRAVE AMENITIES

Renting can give you access to perks like an on-site gym or a rooftop swimming pool. But some buildings go well beyond the basics, offering next-level amenities, says Sophie Morrison, a real estate broker in downtown Chicago.

"We're seeing things like bowling alleys, boxing rings, golf simulators, massage rooms, salt saunas, basketball courts, movie theaters, recording studios and wine cellars," Morrison says, noting that many of her clients can afford to buy but

choose to rent in part because of the amenities new buildings offer. "These luxuries are significantly more common in rental buildings than condos."

YOU LIKE FINANCIAL PREDICTABILITY

Average rents in a city may fluctuate, but once you sign a lease, your rent is fixed for the duration of the lease, if not beyond. The same cannot always be said for homeownership.

Yes, your mortgage payments remain stable, but maintenance costs can be unpredictable. Property taxes can also fluctuate, and not just because your home value increases. Cities can impose higher property tax rates, and federal laws can change (and have changed) how much you can deduct from your taxes.

Buying a home comes with a lot more upfront costs, too. First, there's the down payment, which might be anywhere from 5% to 20% of the home price. Then, there's closing costs. On a \$300,000 home, you could pay as much as \$15,000 in closing costs.

All of that can leave you feeling cash poor. So it's not surprising that 34% of first-time U.S. homebuyers said they no longer felt financially secure after purchasing their current home, according to a survey conducted this year by The Harris Poll for NerdWallet. □

US consumer spending slows to 0.3% gain in April

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer spending slowed in April while inflation was up, but still far below the target set by the Federal Reserve. The Commerce Department said Friday that spending increased 0.3% in April following a 1.1% surge in March that had been the largest increase in nearly a decade. Personal income growth, which had been lagging in recent months, jumped 0.5% in April.

Inflation, as measured by a gauge tied to consumer spending, increased 1.5%



In this April 24, 2019, file photo Marcy Seinberg shops at a Walmart Neighborhood Market in Levittown, N.Y. On Friday, May 31, the Commerce Department issues its April report on consumer spending, which accounts for roughly 70 percent of U.S. economic activity.

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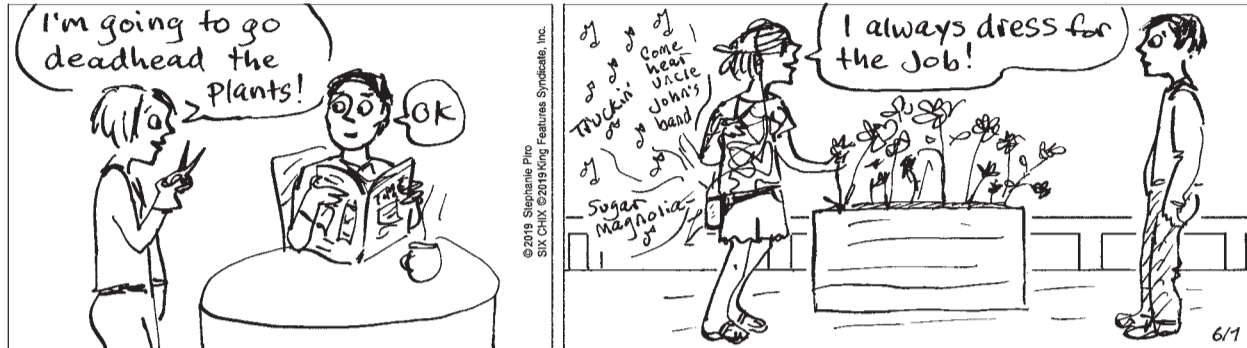
in April compared with a year ago, up slightly from a 1.4% 12-month change in April. The Fed tries to manage interest rate policy to achieve annual price gains of 2%. However, through the first three months of this year, inflation fell farther from this goal. President Donald Trump has argued that the slowdown in inflation shows that the Fed is keeping monetary policy too tight and should start cutting interest rates. The Fed raised rates four times last year but then reversed course in January and has signaled that it plans to

keep rates unchanged this year. However, Trump has argued that the Fed's policies are hurting the economy and the central bank should be slashing rates instead of keeping them steady. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell and other Fed officials have attributed the slowdown in inflation to temporary factors which should reverse in coming months and have argued that the Fed's wait-and-see approach on further changes in interest rates is appropriate given how low unemployment is currently. □

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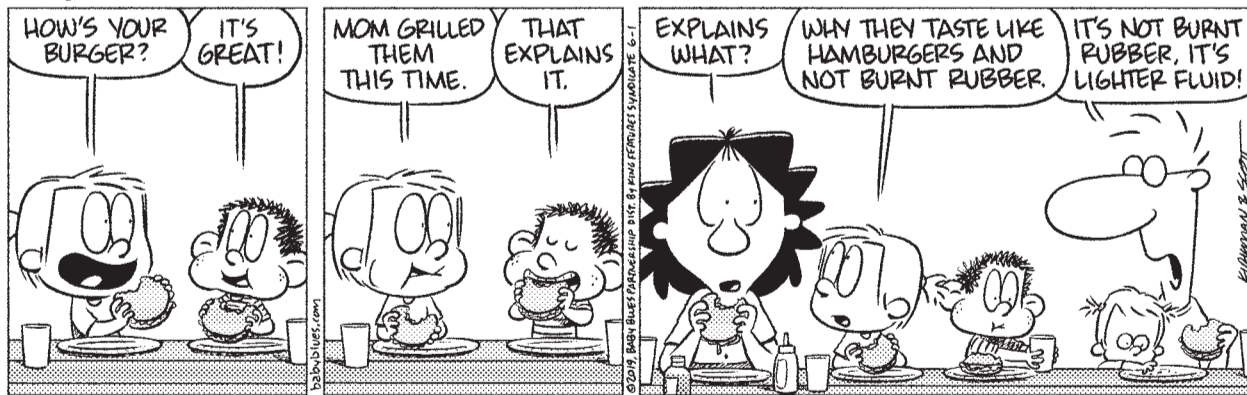
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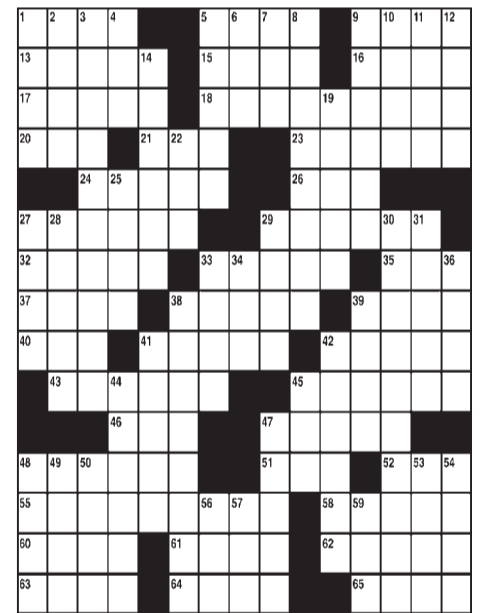
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 Astonish
- 5 Perched upon
- 9 Annual school dance
- 13 All ___ up; in a row
- 15 Gium-faced
- 16 TV's Kelly ___
- 17 Bring together
- 18 Poison remedies
- 20 Male animal
- 21 Family member
- 23 Second
- 24 Lowly workers
- 26 Young dog
- 27 Bawl out
- 29 Handgun
- 32 Jagged
- 33 Means of transportation
- 35 Dyer's tub
- 37 Covetousness
- 38 Word attached to any or some
- 39 Goose egg
- 40 Boston cream ___
- 41 Uses a lever
- 42 Funeral hymn
- 43 Albert & Murphy
- 45 Chopped finely
- 46 "Snakes ___ Plane"; thriller film
- 47 Songbird
- 48 Valuables
- 51 Suffix for meteor or social
- 52 Didn't ___ up; made no sense
- 55 Comforted
- 58 More unusual
- 60 Harbor bird
- 61 Actress Russo
- 62 Plato's "S"
- 63 Short one-act play
- 64 Daredevil Knievel
- 65 In case



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DOWN

- 1 Run one's words together
- 2 Turner or Fey
- 3 No better than before
- 4 Hair covering
- 5 West & Sandler
- 6 2000 pounds
- 7 Not at home
- 8 Overusing the mirror
- 9 On time
- 10 Ceremony
- 11 ___ house; realtor's event
- 12 Ship's pole
- 14 Lower in rank
- 19 Throw water over
- 22 Very late
- 25 Simple
- 27 Tap the horn
- 28 Goller Els
- 29 Cookware items
- 30 Make someone pay too much
- 31 Roomy
- 33 Fraternity letters
- 34 Falsehood
- 36 ___ the line; obeyed
- 38 ___ chest; trunk full of riches
- 39 Element whose symbol is Zn
- 41 Half-quarts
- 42 Eaters
- 44 "Alice ___ Live Here Anymore"
- 45 Cambridge inst.
- 47 ___ Castro
- 48 Carney & others
- 49 Look for
- 50 Indra's dress
- 53 FDR & HST
- 54 Word of disgust
- 56 Gun the engine
- 57 90 degrees from NNW
- 59 Feel miserable

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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Endangered condor may have hatched in Zion National Park

Associated Press SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — There's likely a new baby condor at Zion National Park in southwest Utah. Park rangers said Thursday that they suspect a pair of endangered California condors has hatched their first egg because of behavior changes between the birds. They estimate the chick to be about 3 weeks old. If the chick survives, it would be Utah's first successful hatchling. Zion spokeswoman Aly Baltus says three chicks have been born at the park but have died before they were old enough to fly. National Park Service records show the condors were the only breeding pair in Zion as of last year. Park rangers estimate they've been together for two years. California condors are making a comeback in the wild three decades after nearing the brink of extinction. □



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Tornado warning? In East, storm season brings bewilderment

By DAVID PORTER
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — As a tornado bore down on the western edge of New Jersey, some residents prepared for the worst, while others were caught off guard, despite bulletins from meteorologists and extensive coverage by television and radio stations.

Marie Raffay was at a high school sports award banquet in Stanhope on Tuesday night with her husband and two sons when they and others noticed the sky darkening, accompanied by thunder and lightning.

"We figured it was a typical late afternoon storm," Raffay said. "Then the windows got pushed in by the pressure. I said to another woman, 'I don't think we should be standing there.'" One person in the group mentioned getting a tornado warning on his phone, said Raffay, a civil engineer, but others were unaware.

The nation has seen a surge in tornadoes this month, with Tuesday setting a record as the 12th consecutive day with at least eight reported. Some tornado warnings have edged into areas of the East Coast unaccustomed to such storms, where many people are not conditioned to hear or heed such alerts.

New Jersey gets a handful of tornadoes per year on



A snapped tree trunk lays near the entrance of Lenape Valley Regional High School in Stanhope, N.J. on Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

average. Two twisters hit New York City on one day in 2012, but only about 60 had hit the area in the 50 years before that, according to the National Weather Service.

"The fact is that in New Jersey, tornadoes are too rare for there to be a well-designed warning system in most communities, nor a properly educated public who know what to do when a warning is issued," said David Robinson, the state's climatologist and a professor at Rutgers University.

Tuesday's tornado damaged Lenape Valley Regional High School's fa-

cade and ripped up a softball dugout, depositing the roof on its side on the ground. Toppled trees and power lines left most residents without electricity.

In Ohio, where tornadoes are far more common, meteorologists went on the offensive Monday night with aggressive tornado warnings, actions several officials said saved lives.

"Pretty miraculous" is how Dayton Fire Chief Jeffrey Payne described the survival statistics on Tuesday morning.

"I attribute much of that to the early notification to the public, and then the public heeding those warnings

and getting shelter," Payne said. At the time, no fatalities had been reported. Later, authorities said a single man was killed in Celina when winds pushed a car into his house.

Not everyone was pleased with the information dump. Some television viewers, apparently inured to weather alerts, complained on social media about an Ohio meteorologist interrupting "The Bachelorette" with a tornado warning, leading him to deliver an on-air scolding.

"No, we're not going back to the show, folks," Dayton meteorologist Jamie Simpson said. "This is a danger-

ous situation, OK?"

Current Bachelorette Hannah Brown stood up for Simpson in a tweet, thanking supporters in Dayton for their love but urging them to be safe. "Naders are no joke," the former Miss Alabama USA tweeted.

The nature of tornadoes puts a premium on preparation, according to long-time WCBS Radio meteorologist Craig Allen. Unlike hurricane warnings, which often are issued 24 to 48 hours ahead of time, a tornado watch often is issued six to eight hours in advance, and a warning isn't given until a tornado is seen on radar.

Tornadoes in New Jersey and the surrounding area also can be more difficult to detect without the help of radar, Allen said.

"Tornadoes around here aren't the same as elsewhere, where you can see them for miles and miles," he said. "They are rain-wrapped, and they are small spinoffs; you usually don't see them tracking across miles of land. If it wasn't for radar, we wouldn't even know some of them are there."

Scott Olson, a resident of Byram, New Jersey, where Tuesday's tornado caused damage, recalled growing up in Minnesota and being conditioned to swing into action when the tornado sirens would go off, even in the dead of night. □

Companies report progress on blood tests to detect cancer

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

A California company says its experimental blood test was able to detect many types of cancer at an early stage and gave very few false alarms in a study that included people with and

without the disease.

Grail Inc. gave results in a news release on Friday and will report them Saturday at the American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting in Chicago. They have not been published in a journal or reviewed by other scien-



In this Tuesday, April 28, 2015 file photo, a patient has her blood drawn at a hospital in Philadelphia to monitor her cancer treatment.

tists. Many companies are trying to develop early detection "liquid biopsy" tests that capture bits of DNA that cancer cells shed into blood. On Thursday, Johns Hopkins University scientists launched a company called Thrive Earlier Detection Corp. to develop its CancerSEEK test, which yielded results similar to Grail's more than a year ago.

Grail is closely watched because of the extraordinary investment it's attracted — more than \$1 billion from Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates and other celebrities. □

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Ronnie James Dio to tour in hologram form

By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Images of explosions, fire and dragons stream across a massive digital screen set behind a band playing the opening chords of Dio's "King of Rock and Roll."

The screen switches to an apocalyptic scene of nuclear power plant smokestacks spewing against a molten-colored sky. The center section goes dark and flames appear, transforming into an image familiar to fans of hard rock/heavy metal music: the diminutive figure of Ronnie James Dio.

The singer died nine years ago, but advances in hologram technology have made it possible for fans to watch him perform and hear his voice with a live band in the "Dio Returns" tour.

The tour, which starts Friday in Ft. Myers, Florida, will include a lineup of former Dio band members and special guest vocalists playing a variety of Dio's songs. The Dio hologram will perform on eight songs, with former Judas Priest singer Tim "Ripper" Owens and Lynch Mob's Oni Logan handling the rest during the 90-min-



This May 23, 2019 photo released by Niji Entertainment shows, from left, singer Tim Owens, bassist Bjorn Englen, keyboardist Scott Warren, Wendy Dio, widow of Ronnie James Dio, Eyellusion CEO Jeff Pezzutti, guitarist Craig Goldy, drummer Simon Wright, singer Oni Logan posing to promote the Dio Returns tour.

ute show.

Guitarist Craig Goldy, drummer Simon Wright and keyboardist Scott Warren — all previous Dio members — will be joined by bass player Bjorn Englen on the 18-city tour that may extend after the initial run.

"It's something that we want to do for the fans that never got to see Ronnie and the band or want

to see them again," Dio's widow, Wendy, said. "This is a show, bringing Ronnie back and the memories, but also the band."

Dio, who had one of the most recognizable voices in hard rock, died from stomach cancer at 67 in 2010.

Small in stature at 5-foot-4, he had a soaring-yet-melodic voice unlike any

other in the genre. Dio was the lead singer for his eponymous band as well as Rainbow. He also joined Black Sabbath after Ozzy Osbourne left and had a successful solo career with hits like "Holy Diver," "Rainbow in the Dark" and "The Last in Line." He later joined members of Black Sabbath in Heaven and Hell.

Wendy Dio first had the

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idea of a Ronnie hologram when she was approached by Eyellusion CEO Jeff Pezzutti in 2015.

They collaborated to create a Dio hologram that debuted in front of 75,000 fans at the 2016 Wacken Open in Germany and a short European tour in 2017. Dissatisfied with how the hologram looked — Wendy Dio in particular didn't like Ronnie's eyebrows — the team all but started over, using breakthroughs in technology to create a crisper hologram with added depth.

The video screen also was expanded to create a more stirring visual effect, with dragons and knights surrounding Dio as he performs.

"It's the closest thing you're going to get from the original," Pezzutti said. "There's nothing closer, really. You want to create some of the excitement from back then."

Eyellusion, a Los Angeles-based hologram production company, uses some of the same motion-capture techniques James Cameron pioneered in the movie "Avatar" to create the Dio hologram. □

Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge offers new world at Disneyland

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge is on the same land as Disneyland, but stepping into the new attraction transports visitors to an entirely different world.

The theme park offered media a glimpse into Galaxy's Edge on Wednesday. The exclusive tour included a Star Wars-themed food tasting, a stroll through the Black Spire Outpost marketplace and four-minute ride on the Millennium Falcon.

A firsthand look took place a couple days before Galaxy's Edge opens at the California theme park on Friday. That's when guests with a pre-reservation can experience the largest single-themed land created in a Disney park.



Stormtroopers patrol the Tie Echelon Stage during the Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge Media Preview at Disneyland Park, Wednesday, May 29, 2019, in Anaheim, Calif.

Disney officials said it took more the five years to develop and finish the attraction. "I'm very excited about being this close to inviting guests and our biggest fans to join us at the edge of the galaxy," said

Scott Trowbridge, portfolio creative executive and studio leader at Walt Disney Imagineering. He spoke in front of the First Order TIE echelon spaceship.

"We had the fans in mind the whole time," he said.

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"We've been able to kind of open it up to them and invite them to kind of join us on this remote outpost planet."

Disney christened the land Wednesday night with a firework display and an assembly of some of the biggest names in the "Star Wars" universe: creator George Lucas and actors Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill and Billy Dee Williams.

Galaxy's Edge is an adventure through the grungy planet Batuu, a remote world in the newest "Star Wars" trilogy, and the fight between the Resistance and the evil First Order. The sprawling 14-acre land has three different areas including the Resistance, First Order and the Village.

Guests can build their own droids and lightsabers and

interact with aliens. They can also step into the cockpit of the Millennium Falcon, the exact replica of the ship from the films, measuring more than 100 feet long. The interactive experience allows a team of six people to operate the spacecraft during the interactive experience.

Guests can take a swig of the same kind of blue milk that made an appearance with Luke Skywalker in "Star Wars: A New Hope." The dairy-free milk is a frozen blend with dashes of citrus taste.

Disneyland was the second most popular theme park in the world last year with 18.6 million visitors. It is second only to Disney World in Florida, where a version of Galaxy's Edge is scheduled to open Aug. 29. □

'Godzilla' is back and doing just fine

By **LINDSEY BAHR**
Associated Press

It's been a bit since moviegoers had the chance to catch up with Godzilla, five years in fact, which in cinematic franchise time feels like at least a few decades. In other words, it's understandable if you go into "Godzilla: King of the Monsters" a little rusty on just what went down in Tokyo and San Francisco back in 2014.

But "Godzilla: King of the Monsters" is a sequel in the loosest possible sense that requires minimal recall from the audience, which is likely a good thing for those whose brains have been overloaded with "Game of Thrones," "Avengers" and "Star Wars" minutiae and mythology. Worry not, Godzilla is here to provide some old-fashioned summer spectacle, no Cliffs-Notes required.



This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows a scene from "Godzilla: King of the Monsters." **Associated Press**

It's a low bar, sure, but at least Godzilla is comfortable with its place in the blockbuster ecosystem.

The filmmakers have even helpfully shifted the focus to another family entirely for this installment, from the inert Brodys (Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Elizabeth Olsen) to the Russells, a now-broken family of scientists who lived in San Francisco during the 2014 attack. There are a few holdovers though, mostly employees of Monarch, the secret multinational organization that studies the titans, like Dr. Serizawa (Ken Watanabe) and Dr. Graham (Sally Hawkins), who are being accused of hiding Godzilla from world governments who'd rather just destroy them all.

As far as the newcom-

ers go, Dr. Emma Russell (Vera Farmiga) also works for Monarch and has developed a machine called the Orca, which simulates the sounds of the various titans. She believes this can be used to help manage them. Emma lives with her 14-year-old daughter, Madison ("Stranger Things") Millie Bobby Brown in her first major film role), who is precociously enchanted by her mother's work and admires the primordial creatures.

Madison's father Mark Russell (Kyle Chandler, whose intensity is at level 10 for most of the movie) is not really in the picture, having left after the San Francisco incident, but is drawn back in when Emma and Madison (and the Orca) are kidnapped by some militant

eco-terrorists led by Jonah Alan (Charles Dance).

This group wants to use the titans, of which there are now "17 and counting" including a pretty dazzling Mothra and a less-enchanting three-headed "Monster Zero," to help reset the planet and reverse climate change and overpopulation. There's some convenient explanation of why the radiation from the titans actually helps revitalize vegetation, which, like many of the silly plot devices in this movie, you kind of just let slide. That said, anyone currently watching "Chernobyl" on HBO will likely be very stressed out about the amount of radiation all the humans are likely absorbing just by being in proximity to all these creatures. □

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Amazon to release Mindy Kaling's new essay collection

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NEW YORK (AP) — Mindy Kaling is taking a different path with her next book. The actress and writer plans to release her third collection of essays through Amazon.com's Amazon Original Stories imprint. The book, currently untitled, is scheduled for the summer 2020. Amazon announced Tuesday that topics will include Kaling's experience as a single mother and working with Reese Witherspoon and Oprah Winfrey. Amazon is the country's leading bookseller but has struggled at times as a publisher because rival stores are reluctant to stock its books. At Brookline Booksmith, in



This Feb. 24, 2019 file photo shows Mindy Kaling at the Vanity Fair Oscar Party in Beverly Hills, Calif. Kaling plans to release a third collection of essays in the summer 2020.

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Brookline, Massachusetts, she appeared on one of her first stops while promoting the collection "Why Not Me." A possible compromise: Don't stock the new book, but agree to order it upon request. □

the store's co-owner and manager, Peter Win, says the general policy is to avoid Amazon releases. But Kaling has a special history at the Booksmith, where

Elite 8: National Spelling Bee too easy for octet of champs

By **BEN NUCKOLS**
Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. (AP) — There were warning signs throughout a marathon day of spelling that this Scripps National Spelling Bee would not conclude like any other in the event's 94-year history.

Rishik Gandharsi sensed it as he stepped to the microphone for the ninth round of Thursday night's prime-time finals, when he was one of eight spellers remaining onstage.

"Just out of curiosity," Rishik asked pronouncer Jacques Bailly, "do you happen to know what time it is?"

It was 11:18 p.m. Forty-five minutes later, Rishik was a champion. So was Erin Howard. So were Saketh Sundar, Shruthika Padhy, Sohum Sukhantankar, Abhijay Kodali, Christopher Serrao and, finally, Rohan Raja. The eight co-champions closed out the bee by spelling 47 consecutive words correctly.

All eight received the full winner's freight of \$50,000 in cash and a new, custom-designed trophy, because Scripps simply could not come up with words difficult enough to challenge them.

There was plenty of concern after the bee ended in ties three years in a row, from 2014-2016, that the very best spellers might be too good for the bee. Scripps came up with a written tie-breaker test of both spelling and vocabulary, a solution no one was thrilled about. After two years in which the test wasn't needed, bee officials decided it was too burdensome on the spellers and got rid of it.

The rules going into this year's bee called for, at most, three co-champions. A contingency plan for even more winners was developed on the fly Thursday afternoon, after bee officials evaluated spellers' performance in the early final rounds. It took 5½ hours to narrow the field from 50 kids to 16.

"We are closely connected to the difficulty level at the program, so we are quite aware of the rising level

of competition. This does not actually surprise us at all," said Paige Kimble, the bee's executive direc-

"I'm very glad they stopped where they did," said Shruthika, a 13-year-old from Cherry Hill, New

Among the words that earned spellers a share of the title: "auslaut," "palama," "cernuous" and

son it did not," said Erin, a 14-year-old from Huntsville, Alabama. "This is the culmination of the past six years of my life. So frankly, I just can't believe that I'm here right now."

The majority of the spellers had personal coaches, and 13 of the 16 used word lists and study materials compiled by ex-spellers Shobha Dasari and her younger brother, Shourav. Shobha, who's 18 and will go to Stanford in the fall, said the proliferation of private coaches and online study guides has simplified speller preparation, but she still gave credit to the champions.

"The kids still have to put in the work," Shobha said.

Three of the champions are from the Dallas area, perhaps the most competitive region in the country: Sohum, Abhijay and Rohan. New Jersey had two champs, in Christopher and Shruthika. Rishik, from San Jose, California, was the only one of the self-proclaimed "octo-champs" from the West Coast.

Perhaps the speller who had the oddest experience was Simone Kaplan, the last kid to misspell a word Thursday night. Simone, a 13-year-old from Davie, Florida, who dazzled the crowd by shouting out definitions and obscure roots, finished ninth, but she also turned out to be the runner-up.

Simone is in seventh grade, which means next year is her final year of eligibility. Champions are barred from defending their titles, so she wouldn't have to face any of the kids who beat her. But she's not sure if she'll try again, because she was satisfied with her performance.

"I do feel that this is a strange occurrence," Simone said in an attempt to sum up the night. "A tie-breaker test could have potentially come in handy." □



Co-champions of the 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee, Shruthika Padhy, 13, of Cherry Hill, N.J., Erin Howard, 14, of Huntsville, Ala., Rishik Gandharsi, 13, of San Jose, Calif., Christopher Serrao, 13, of Whitehouse Station, N.J., Saketh Sundar, 13, of Clarksville, Md., Sohum Sukhantankar, 13, of Dallas, Texas, Rohan Raja, 13, of Irving, Texas, and Abhijay Kodali, 12, of Flower Mound, Texas, hold the trophy in Oxon Hill, Md., Friday, May 31, 2019.

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tor. "We didn't go into the competition tonight not knowing that this was a possibility and not having a plan."

Bailly, the longtime pronouncer and the beloved public face of the bee, broke the news to a stunned crowd in a convention center ballroom outside Washington after the eight eventual champs had gone through two consecutive perfect rounds.

"Champion spellers, we are now in uncharted territory," Bailly said. "We do have plenty of words remaining on our list. But we will soon run out of words that will possibly challenge you, the most phenomenal collection of super spellers in the history of this competition." There would be three rounds, Bailly said, and anyone who got through them would be a champion. No one came close to missing a word.

For the winners, fatigue was the only real concern. Shruthika staggered to the microphone for her last few words and greeted Bailly with a wan, hoarse voice.

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"I feel like there was no better way to do it," said Saketh, who's also 13 and lives in Clarksville, Maryland. "I don't know if I would've won if they kept going. I was super tired because it was like 12:00, and I was exhausted."

Kimble has long insisted that Scripps would never subject spellers to an endurance contest, and she had no regrets about the way it ended.

"Look at these kids. They worked so hard and they achieved so much," Kimble said. "I think it's the best night ever for the bee."

But there were murmurs of discontent among the ex-spellers and spelling experts in the crowd. The words, they said, were just too easy.

Naysa Modi, last year's runner-up who surprisingly missed out on the finals this year because of her written test score, was in tears as the confetti fell. She said the winners were deserving, but the final words weren't tough enough for them, or her.

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"This would never happen at my bee," said Rahul Wallia, founder of the South Asian Spelling Bee, where Sohum defeated Abhijay for the title last year. He said Scripps was just scratching the surface of words that could confuse or trip up elite competitors.

The South Asian bee and the North South Foundation bee, national competitions available to spellers only of South Asian descent, are among the many reasons Indian-Americans have come to dominate the Scripps bee over the past two decades.

Erin was the first champion without South Asian heritage since Evan O'Dorney in 2007.

"I never expected for this to happen. I was convinced that the bell was going to ring on me at some point today, but for some rea-



Making, drinking arak a source of national pride in Lebanon

By **FADI TAWIL**

Associated Press

TAANAYEL, Lebanon (AP)

— Every part of Lebanon's national drink, arak, is infused with tradition — from distilling the aniseed-tinged liquor to the ritual of mixing it at the table, when the transparent liquid suddenly turns milky white as water is added.

Arak is a staple of big Sunday meals. With a sweet taste and high alcohol content, around 40 percent, it's best consumed with food — lots of it. That makes it perfect for Lebanon's traditional meze, spreads of never-ending small dishes that family and friends linger over for hours.

Aficionados say arak is vital to digesting the homemade raw meat dishes that are central to a meze. The real impact comes at the end of the meal, when you stand up after all that eating and the alcohol from glass after glass really hits. But the tradition is facing competition in Lebanon as young generations opt for liquors like vodka or whiskey that are easier to mix and drink — without a meal.

Arak is comparable to Greece's ouzo or Turkey's raki, which are also grape-based drinks with the licorice-like flavor of anise. Lebanese say arak is smoother. Many families make it at home, each boasting their particular flavor and kick. Restaurants often serve both commercially produced versions and homemade varieties, known as "Arak Baladeh." Regulars



In this Saturday Sept. 8, 2018 photo, a Lebanese man drinks arak from a traditional glass pitcher during a festival that celebrates Lebanon's national alcoholic drink, in the town of Taanayel, east Lebanon.

usually opt for the homemade. With so much home production, it is hard to tell how much arak is made. Lebanon's Blom Bank estimated in 2016 that around 2 billion bottles a year are produced in the country, with nearly a quarter of it exported, mostly for Lebanese expats yearning for their local drink.

At a recent festival in Taanayel, a town east of Beirut, several commercial companies and smaller boutique houses showcased their araks in a celebration aimed at promoting the drink to the young. Christiane Issa, whose family owns one of Lebanon's largest arak producers, Doumaine de Tourelles,

said the drink is a natural digestif. It was a nod to Lebanon's growing market for holistic and natural products.

"The most important thing about arak is that our grandfathers used herbs to treat illness, not medicine. They believed in herbs, so they chose to make arak with green anise because it has anethole, a compound that aids digestion," said Issa, the company's administrative manager.

Some Beirut bars have introduced an infused version of arak, adding a twig of basil or rosemary, to attract young drinkers. Issa suggests watermelon.

Passions run strong over every detail of arak tradition.

It is to be drunk from small glasses — bigger than a shot glass but smaller than an Old Fashioned glass — arranged on a tray at the top of a table laden with meze. A new glass is used with each new serving. Some prefer to drink it in a tall glass.

It is often mixed in a traditional glass pitcher, round with a short beak-like spout. That makes it easy to drink straight from the pitcher when the party really gets going.

Drinkers staunchly debate the best way to mix.

Some prefer half water, half arak — a strong, sweet mix, usually not for the newbies. More common is one-third arak to two-thirds water, to

prolong the drinking and the gathering.

The ice cubes are another discussion. For some, the glass is filled with ice cubes first before pouring the drink. Those truly religious about the drink insist that ice must come last.

No one can clearly explain the difference, but theories abound. Some say arak is further weakened if the ice is already sitting in the glass. Others say, don't question tradition.

The making of arak is a family affair, with secrets passed from one generation to another.

Central to the process is a triple distillation using a still called a "karakheh" in Arabic. The harvest is in September and October. The grapes are crushed and left to ferment for three weeks. The mix is then put in the lower part of the karakeh, where it is heated until it evaporates and cooled in the top part by a stream of cold water. At this stage, it is pure alcohol. Anise and water may be added in the second or third distillation. The mix is what makes each house's taste unique. Homemade arak usually goes straight into gallon containers after distillation, ready for drinking. In commercial production, the arak sits in clay jugs for a year, making it smoother, Issa said. "Wine ages but arak rests," Issa said.

Issa's father introduced a new technique, letting it sit in the clay jugs for five years before going to market. Her family bought Doumaine de Tourelles 18 years ago and now it produces 350,000 bottles a year of Arak Brun, named after the Frenchman who founded it in 1868.

At the Taanayel festival, visitors sipped on the sweet drink with their meals.

Michel Sabat was marketing his new Arak al-Naim, or "Arak of Paradise."

He said with so many producers, arak can only get better.

"There is a lot of competition here in Lebanon, so those who produce arak have to make sure it is very good quality." □



In this Saturday Sept. 8, 2018 photo, a worker carries bag of anise that is used to produce arak, Lebanon's national alcoholic drink, at the Doumaine de Tourelles winery, in the town of Chtaura, east Lebanon.

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In this Saturday Sept. 8, 2018 photo, workers unload freshly picked grapes to be cleaned and begin the process that turns them into arak, Lebanon's national alcoholic drink, at the Doumaine de Tourelles winery, in the town of Chtaura east Lebanon.

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